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NEW JUBA RIVER CROSSING

Another Success For General Wavell's Forces

CRISIS IN NEXT 10 DAYS?

A vigorous attempt, it is understood, is being made to induce the United States House of Representatives to vote concurrence with any changes in the Lease and Lend Bill immediately the Senate passes the measure.

The task of persuading the House is understood to have been undertaken by Administration strategists under the leadership of the skilful Senator George.

Object is to prevent the loss of time which would be involved when the Senate and House Foreign Affairs Committees considered the Bill.

EXPLAINING HIS ACTIONS, SENATOR GEORGE SAID YES-TERDAY: "GERMANY UNDOUBTEDLY IS PREPARING TO MOVE VERY FAST. I THINK THERE WILL BE TREMENDOUS DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEXT TEN DAYS."

Senator George did not reveal whether the remark was based on new and unexpected information, but some quarters conclude that it is.—Reuter.

Mr. Eden Gets Down To It

With his usual indefatigable energy Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, who arrived in Cairo only on Thursday, spent yesterday in conversations on military matters.

He also conferred with General Catroux, Free French leader in the Near East.

Possibly Mr. Eden may visit certain districts of Cyrenaica before he leaves.—Reuter.

AIR LULL CONTINUES

THERE WAS SLIGHT ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY OVER EASTERN ENGLAND AND EAST SCOTLAND YESTERDAY, SAYS AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE. A few bombs were dropped but there was little damage and no casualties.—Reuter.

SOVIET-JAPAN TRADE ACCORD REPORTED

According to Saigon radio an economic agreement in principle has been signed in Moscow between Japan and Soviet Russia.

No confirmation has been received in Shanghai from any other source.—Reuter.

Wales Gets Big Raid

For the third successive night South Wales was the principal target for the German raiders. The town was attacked shortly after dark and the raid continued for several hours.

The first stream of planes scattered incendiary bombs indiscriminately and then, while the Civil Defence Services were working at top-speed, high explosives crashed down.

A market, shops and a chapel were among buildings damaged. London had a very late but short alert. The barrage was fairly heavy.—Reuter.

ITALIAN CLAIMS DEBUNKED

The Baghdad press yesterday pointed out that an interesting by-product of the Libyan victories is the debunking of the Italian claim that the authoritarian system alone is capable of gigantic constructive schemes.

Mussolini's colonists now see their Italian protectors surrendering in droves, unless they have been able to run fast enough to escape capture.

The British advance is not merely military but is linked up with the complete scheme of local government.

Democracy, therefore, is capable both of swift action and sound administration.—Reuter.

British Race Against The Rains

THE RIVER JUBA, IN ITALIAN SOMALILAND, HAS AGAIN BEEN SUCCESSFULLY FORCED BY BRITISH TROOPS TO THE NORTH OF THE ORIGINAL CROSSING; THIS WAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY BY BRITISH GENERAL HEADQUARTERS IN CAIRO, WHICH ADDED THAT OPERATIONS FROM BOTH OF THESE SECTORS ARE DEVELOPING SATISFACTORILY.

On the Eritrean front, 47 Italian officers, including a brigade commander, and about 6,000 troops have been captured between January 10 and February 20. In addition many prisoners have been taken in the Blue Nile and Gojam areas of Abyssinia.

Meanwhile, the Italian capitulation at Moga marks the failure of Italian white troops in their first encounter in this area, says Reuter's East African correspondent.

It cuts off Moyale from Yavello and threatens to outflank Moyale. THE VICTORIES AT MEGA AND JUBALAND ARE IMPORTANT OWING TO THE APPROACH OF THE RAINS, DUE IN THE MIDDLE OF MARCH.

Sea Route Opened

Had the Italians held the frontier north-east of Lake Rudolf and Kismayu, an invasion of Abyssinia would have been indefinitely delayed by the impossibility of transport, but Italy puts the South Africans at the end of a first class road and Kismayu opens a short 320-mile sea route from Mombasa.—Reuter.

German Troops Massing

GERMAN TROOPS IN RUMANIA TOTAL AT LEAST 25 DIVISIONS, ACCORDING TO COMPETENT MILITARY OBSERVERS WHO HAVE ARRIVED IN ISTANBUL FROM RUMANIA.

SINCE THE BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY, THEY STATE THAT GERMAN AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN ARRIVING IN LARGE NUMBERS.

TWO MECHANISED DIVISIONS ARE AT CONSTANZA. IT IS STRESSED THAT THESE ARE THE MINIMUM FIGURES.—REUTER.

'PLANES COMING TO FAR EAST FROM U.S.'

Confirmation that planes are being flown across the Pacific to the Far East was obtained yesterday when the British Embassy in Washington announced that aircraft were being flown to the Far East from the west coast of the United States.

The Embassy refused further details.—Reuter.

ALFONSO WORSE

THE CONDITION OF EX-KING ALFONSO OF SPAIN HAS BECOME NOTICEABLY WORSE SINCE THURSDAY NIGHT, IT WAS STATED IN ROME YESTERDAY.

The weakness of the heart is more pronounced and breathlessness has increased.

The ex-King's family is not at present leaving his bedside.—Reuter.

ARMS FACTORIES AT FULL BLAST

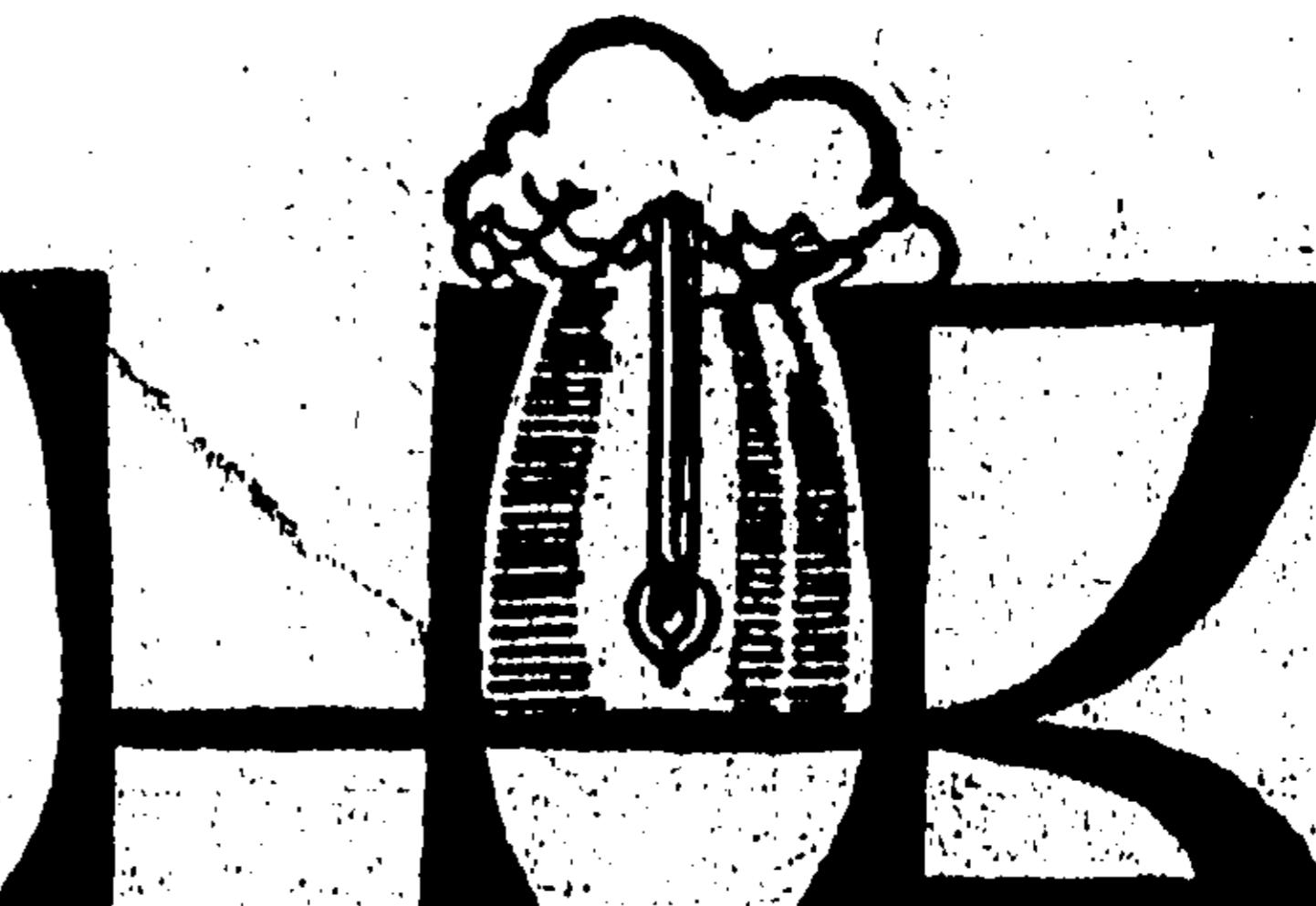
Ordnance factories all over India are working at full capacity and small arms production will soon double the output proposed in the Chatfield Committee Report, says Reuter from New Delhi.

MIDDLE WEST LIVES UP TO REPUTATION

According to a message from Washington, three Middle West Senators denounced the Lease and Lend Bill when the debate continued in the Senate yesterday.

Senator Bulow suggested a filibuster on the Bill and said that "continuing to debate on the Bill until Europe settles her own war might keep us from getting into the war and keep the nation out of bankruptcy."—Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

MR. MATSUOKA PLEADS JAPANESE INNOCENCE

Alleges Pacific Tension Is Based On "Hallucination"

AN ELABORATION OF HIS DENIAL THAT HE PROPOSED TO MEDIATE IN THE EUROPEAN CONFLICT WAS GIVEN BY THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. MATSUOKA, YESTERDAY, REPLYING TO A BARRAGE OF QUESTIONS POSED BY NEWS PAPER CORRESPONDENTS IN TOKYO.

VILLAGE TO BE JUDGED

"Not a single large house in my parish has taken evacuees," the Rev. T. D. Rees, Vicar of Sporle, Norfolk, bitterly complained to Swaffham Rural Council.

He protested that the parish billeting officer, who lived in one of the biggest houses, had not himself dated anyone it was the cottage parishioners who were bearing the whole brunt of the burden.

"I do not agree," he said,

"with a system which appoints

one a billeting officer to boss the

reception arrangements. I sug-

gest that three people should be

elected to represent the well-to-

dos and three to represent the

poorer people in each parish.

Then we shall have fair billet-

ing.

Mr. Sidney Dye, chairman of the

billeting tribunal, said the billeting

officer referred to had just resigned.

His successor lived in a cottage.

"In Judgment"

The Clerk, Mr. I. Shingles, said 200 letters had recently been sent out to householders with spare accommodation, and about 150 excuses for refusing to take evacuees had already been received.

"It was never previously realised that there was so many people suffering from rheumatoid arthritis in this district," he added.

The billeting tribunal had protracted sittings in Saham Toney because of wholesale refusals to accept evacuees. The tribunal might have to sit in judgment on a number of villagers.

A sub-committee appointed by the Ministry of Health is to visit Norfolk to investigate evacuation problems.

LORD HARLECH IN EAST AFRICA

Lord Harlech has been appointed High Commissioner for Basutoland, Bechuanaland Protectorate and Swaziland in succession to Sir Edward Harding who has retired owing to ill-health.

The post will, as at present, be held in conjunction with that of the British High Commissioner in South Africa.

Lord Harlech, who is a personal friend of General Smuts, the South African Prime Minister, was formerly Mr. W. G. A. Ormsby-Gore. He was Colonial Secretary during 1930/38. — Reuter.

THAI APPROACH TO MOSCOW

A Thai representative has arrived in Moscow with the intention of resuming economic and commercial relations between Thailand and Soviet Russia, it was learned in Saigon yesterday, according to a despatch received in Shanghai. — Reuter.

In the course of a long statement Mr. Matsuoka also again emphasised that in Japan's view tension with the United States was unnecessary and the result of a "hallucination."

Firstly, Mr. Matsuoka denied that Japan had adopted any measures tending to cause concern to Britain and the Far East about the Far East.

Secondly, he regretted as unnecessary British measures tending to confirm, even slightly, the suggestion that American aid to Britain was paramount and immediately important, and,

Thirdly, he expressed the hope that Britain and the United States would refrain from measures liable to excite Japanese public opinion.

In connection with his reply to Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Matsuoka said it had been most frank, in order to clarify the situation.

His Views On Peace

"I didn't send what is commonly referred to as a message," Mr. Matsuoka declared. "I did set forth my views on world peace, which I have held for some time past."

Later Mr. Matsuoka added: "I want to make clear that there is nothing in my reply that could not conceive of Mr. Eden placing such an interpretation upon his communication."

He further declared that it was a misapprehension to suggest that he consulted Germany before sending his reply.

Confirming the truth of reports of consultations at Washington between British, American, Netherlands, Australian and New Zealand representatives, concerning a joint strengthening of defences, Mr. Matsuoka observed:

"Aimed At Japan"

"IT MAY BE TRUE, IT IS NOT UNNATURAL FOR BRITAIN AND AMERICA TO MAKE PREPARATIONS TO MEET ANY POSSIBLE CONTINGENCY."

"Anyone can guess that these measures are aimed at Japan. If that is so I should like to state that it is unnecessary inasmuch as Japan has not taken any steps whatever tending to cause concern to Britain and America in the South Seas."

Mr. Matsuoka repeated the warning made in the Diet some weeks ago against mutual preparations for the worst eventualities when they were based on a "hallucination."

He hoped that both Britain and America would show "a particular restraint concerning these points in the Pacific and South Seas."

Might Have Been!

While admitting that the despatch of Japanese troops to French Indo-China last year might have been a cause of irritation to Britain and America, Mr. Matsuoka pointed out that the movement was carried out on the basis of an amicable understanding with the French Indo-China authorities as part of the military operations against the Chiang Kai-shek Government. — Reuter.



As in the last war, Christmas shopping expeditions were just as popular, especially when father was home on leave. These comparison pictures, one taken in 1917, and the other to-day, show how fashions have changed with the passing of the years.

He's A Father To 20 Air Raid Babies

TOUCHED BY the sight of hundreds of children sheltering in London Tubes at night, Mr. Ernest Hinchcliff, a West Bromwich business man, has "adopted" twenty homeless London air raid babies. He has opened a home for them on the outskirts of his town.

Rosie, aged three and a half, is the oldest of thirty-five-year-old Mr. Hinchcliff's "family." The youngest are Derek and Lilian, both aged six weeks, who were born in an Anderson shelter during a raid.

As the children played with toys or slept in their prams in the garden, Mrs. Hinchcliff, who "mothers" them, told a reporter:

"We have two children of our own. My husband was so upset at seeing babies huddled together in London Tubes at night that he was determined to do something for them.

"He rented this house, and we told our friends about it. Immediately prams, high chairs, toys, crockery and clothes came in.

"People we do not know sent us money, and girls have made special collections at their factories for the babies from popular.

"We have been able to engage four nurses to look after them. A doctor regularly comes free of charge, to give the children a look over.

"All the children are kept here free, and we have asked their mothers let them remain here until the end of the war.

"When the siren goes Rosie shepherds them all into the air-raid shelter we have built in the garage.

"Each baby has a bunk. At first they cried and covered when they heard a siren sound, but now they take no notice of it.

"They have forgotten their terrifying experiences in London.

"They used to cry for their mummies but now they treat my husband and I as 'mummy and daddy.'

"We write to their parents or relatives regularly to tell them how the children are getting on, and we hope to have all their parents here for a reunion party.

"Our nurses are with them day and night, and all the children have put on weight since they have been here."

Mr. Hinchcliff brought the children from London in two bus loads.

BISHOP PRAYS IN CAVES

In the shelter of Chislehurst Caves, Kent, a Bishop took part in a service for bombed-out people who find peace and a nightly roof there.

The scene was like those of 1,900 years ago, when the early Christians used to meet in the catacombs.

The Bishop was Dr. W. M. Chevassie, of Rochester. In the caves Canon J. R. Lumb, rector of Chislehurst, found a cavern in part of the chalk workings in the shape of a basilica with a high dome overhead.

Out of this he improvised a church to provide for the spiritual life of the war-time cave dwellers.

The Bishop stood on a crude pulpit of chalk while the congregation of 200 sat in front of him. Some had chairs, the majority sat on bedding.

They sang hymns, accompanied by a harmonium, but there was no collection.

Prayers were offered for the King, the royal family, the Greek

Army, and people seeking safety in shelters throughout the land. The Bishop brought with him as a gift a model of a lamp, in the shape of a fish, used by early Christians worshipping in the catacombs.

He based his sermon on this secret symbol.

The hymns, "Jesus Lover of my Soul" and "Abide with Me," went echoing through the four miles of caves, 130ft. below ground.

This was stated at Epsom, Surrey, when Thomas Ernest Lawrence was remanded in custody charged with representing himself as being an officer in the Royal Engineers. He pleaded guilty. Detective Somerset said he saw Lawrence at Epsom Downs Golf Club wearing an Army officer's uniform. He asked him if he were Colonel T. E. Lawrence, and he replied "Yes."

WAR MEDALS DISPLAY ON A GOLF COURSE

Arrested on a golf course, a man had the ribbons of the D.C.M., D.F.M., M.M., an R.E. badge, and the ribbons of the last war attached to the Army officer's uniform he was wearing.

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ITALIAN KEY POINTS BLASTED BY THE R.A.F.

Raids On Berat And Tepelini By British Bombers

Heavy Damage To Dive- Bombers' Lairs

EXCEPTIONALLY HEAVY BOMBING AT-
TACKS WERE CARRIED OUT ON THE ITA-
LIAN KEY POSITIONS OF BERAT AND TEPE-
LINI, IN ALBANIA, ON THURSDAY BY LARGE
FORMATIONS OF BRITISH BOMBERS AND
FIGHTERS.

Berat, together with Elbasan, are the only remaining inland towns in Italian hands, defending the approaches to the port of Durazzo, while the fall of Tepelini would open a road to the port of Valona.

129 YEARS OF "SCOOPS"

Romance of Great
News Agency

Which newspaper correspondent first gave a telegraph office the Bible to transmit with the object of delaying rival messages?

The answer is, Daniel Craig, Halifax, Nova Scotia, correspondent of the Associated Press, according to "A.P.—the Story of News," a new book by Oliver Gramling, which is a best-seller in America. The trick is usually associated with H. M. Stanley, when reporting the British victory at Magdala. It was used by Sir Archibald Forbes during the Franco-German War of 1870.

Mr. Gramling tells many good stories of ingenuity and resource that brought the great A.P. organization scoops from all over the world.

When the Russo-Japanese war broke out in 1904, a correspondent, Paul Cowles, startled the head office with a request for 80,000 dollars (about £20,000 at current rates) to buy a yacht to help cover the war. He not only got the yacht and covered the war, but sold the vessel for a profit afterwards.

Boiling It Down

The same year the A.P. took an active hand in history when John Hay, United States Secretary of State, was preparing a note protesting against the kidnapping of a wealthy American, Ion Perdicaris, by the Moroccan bandit chieftain, Raisuli.

Mr. Hay showed his lengthy formal note to the A.P. correspondent.

"I'm afraid you're slipping, Mr. Secretary," said the correspondent. "If I were you I'd boil all this down to five words." And, taking a pencil he scribbled, "Perdicaris alive or Raisuli dead."

That ultimatum went to the Sultan of Morocco and became a national catchword that helped to re-elect Theodore Roosevelt.

Salvatore Cortesi, the A.P.'s Rome correspondent, had "confidants" so close to the Pope that he was able to record the death of Leo XIII. before it was known to many in the Vatican. His code message read: Melstone, New York: "Number missing Bond, 404—Montefiore."

Cortesi was probably the only man who ever gave the Pope as a reference. Bored with a document asking for "character references," he wrote: "The Pope and the King of Italy." During an audience a few weeks later the Pope said: "I have received a letter from an American company asking for information about you."

After dispersing an enemy force of 50 fighters, of which four were shot down, the British bomber force pressed home their attack on Berat, causing great damage and confusion in the town, says a communiqué issued by British Headquarters in Greece.

Many buildings were hit and a number of fires started among military stores and motor transport concentrations.

One of the fires was followed by a series of explosions.

Another British bomber formation heavily attacked enemy stores and concentrations at Tepelini.

Total Bag Of Twelve

During another engagement with Italian fighters three of the latter were definitely shot down and another so damaged that it is unlikely it was able to return to its base.

All British planes returned safely to their bases, concludes the communiqué.

Together with five Italian planes shot down by the Greek Air Force on Thursday the total is now 12 Italian machines brought down and one probably destroyed. — Reuter.

Sicily Raids

Much damage was caused to aerodromes at Catania and Comiso, in Sicily, in a raid by R.A.F. bombers on Thursday night, says a Middle East R.A.F. communiqué.

Many high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped on both aerodromes.

Several large fires, which gave off columns of thick black smoke, and were visible over 30 miles away, are believed to have been enemy aircraft burning in or near hangars.

In addition, considerable damage was done to runways of the aerodromes and to the main road and railway lines nearby.

From this highly successful raid all British aircraft returned safely. — Reuter.

Why should they apply to me?"

Mr. Gramling traces the A.P.'s origin to 1811, when the owner of a Boston coffee-house engaged Samuel Topliff to pick up news for his customers. Topliff used to row down the harbour to meet ships; New York newspapers pooled resources to meet harbour boats, and when the telegraph came, they shared the news over the wires.

The non-profit-making organization thus launched now serves 1,400 newspapers, employs 7,200 persons, leases 285,000 miles of wires, forwards 1,000,000 words a day, and has a skyscraper headquarters in New York, from which cables reach out all over the world.



THE BOYS PREPARE THEIR "PILLS" FOR GERMANY—When British airmen bomb enemy territory they concentrate on military objects only and do not indulge in the Nazi methods of indiscriminate bombing. This picture was taken with a Whitley Bomber Squadron "somewhere in Britain" which has played a big part in the bombing of Berlin and Hamburg targets and shows members of the Squadron loading their machines prior to a flight over enemy territory. (Copyright, Fox).

100 DAILY FOR RAAF

THE APPOINTMENT OF AIR MARSHAL SIR CHARLES BURNETT AS CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE HAS BEEN EXTENDED FOR ONE YEAR, IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN MELBOURNE YESTERDAY.

It was also revealed that out of 16,000 applicants for the Royal Australian Air Force, acceptances last week averaged 100 a day. — Reuter.

GREECE'S APPEAL

MR. SUMNER WELLES, U.S. UNDER-Secretary of STATE, DECLARED YESTERDAY THAT ACTION MIGHT SHORTLY BE TAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH GREECE'S APPEAL FOR HELP TO THE UNITED STATES.

He added that members of the Government were seeking to determine exactly what supplies were to be furnished. — Reuter.

GERMANY BEING GENEROUS WITH JAP. TERRITORY

It was suggested in well-informed Chinese quarters in Chungking, yesterday, that in an effort to bring about a Russo-Japanese rapprochement Germany is urging Japan to return the southern part of the island of Saghalin to Russia.

In return, it is proposed that Russia should agree to enter into a non-aggression pact with Japan. — Reuter.

MENDOZA PROTEST

The Brazilian proposal for a collective protest to Britain against the seizure of the French steamer Mendoza within the Pan-American neutrality zone is being supported by the United States and other American governments.

The Mendoza was seized off Brazil in January when attempting to run the blockade with a cargo of goods from South America. — Reuter.

QUIET DAY ON THE STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange was quiet and steady yesterday. Home rails advanced on provincial inquiry while gilt-edged were firmly held. Indian stocks met with a fair demand. Among industrials, breweries and tobaccos shaded off easier. Japanese issues declined up to two points. Wall Street was narrowly irregular. — Reuter.

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Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, has just arrived in Cairo with General Sir John Dill, the Chief of Imperial General Staff. Above is Mr. Eden inspecting Anzac troops on his previous visit to Egypt.

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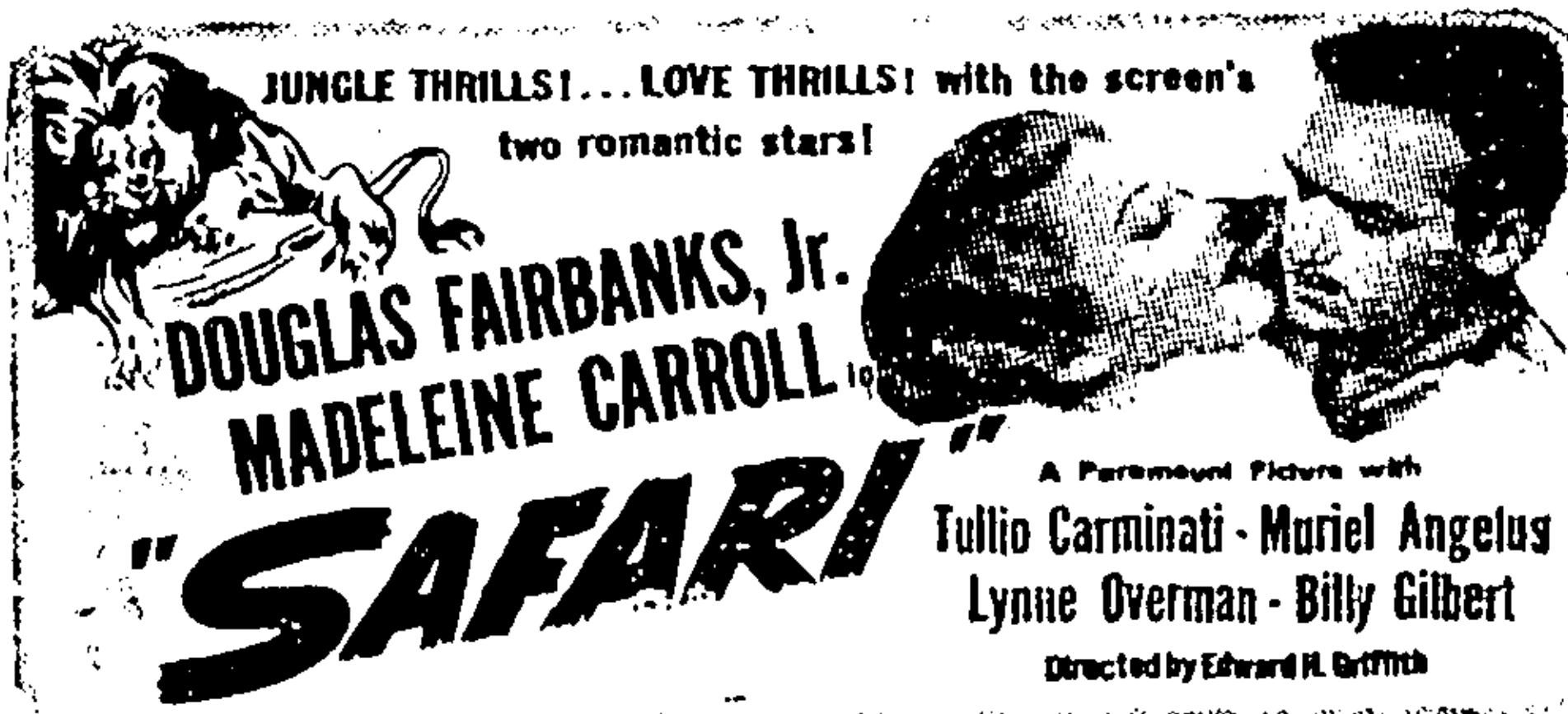
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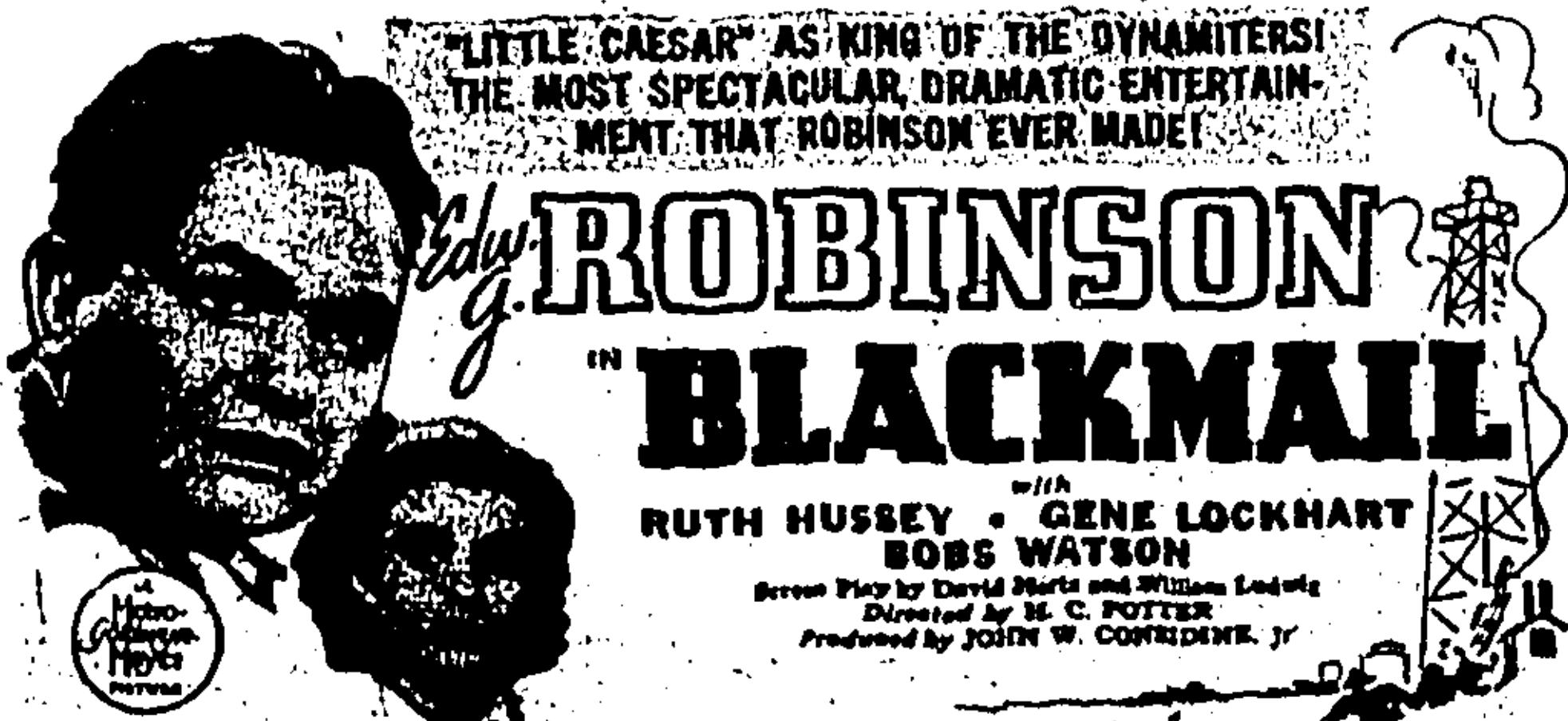
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"EARLIEST WITH THE LATEST"

SPOTTER DURING SERVICES

The Rev. G. H. Simpson, minister in charge of the Methodist Church, Dorset Gardens, Brighton, and of Brighton's Dome Mission, has appointed a roof spotter to be on duty during services.

"We have eyes and ears on the roof, so you can worship in content," he announces at the beginning of each service.

Mr. Simpson, who has preached to congregations of two and three thousand people at his Brighton missions, said:

"We started the spotter system two or three weeks ago, when the air raids became more severe. Mr. Ernest Ovenden, our chief steward, who is also an air raid warden, volunteered for the job. He wears a steel helmet and uses binoculars.

"From his look-out post he has a view for miles in all directions. He has learned to tell the different types of aircraft.

"Should enemy aeroplanes approach, he will tell a young runner, who will come down and tell me. I will announce the fact in a quiet way from the pulpit, and the organist will play a hymn while the congregation walk to the safest part of the church. We have ample shelter accommodation. So far the spotter has not had to interrupt a service."

MOTHER OF 11 IS GAOLED

A mother of eleven children, four of whom are married and two in the Army, was sent to prison for three months at a London Police Court for receiving a shillingworth of coal which had been looted from a bombed house.

She was Mrs. Ethel Savage, of Goldbeaters Grove, Burnt Oak. She told the magistrates she did not know the coal was stolen.

Two children, a thirteen-year-old girl and a twelve-year-old boy, admitted taking the coal and were placed on probation.

A detective said Mrs. Savage told him: I knew the coal came from the bombed house, but I didn't think there would be any trouble because a lot of children got some.

The detective also said the boy had stated that his father had told him he would get a trip to London if he got a hundredweight of coal or some wood.

The Chairman said: If the father has encouraged children to bring home anything in the way of coal or wood he ought to be in the dock as well.

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ETHICS IN SECRET SESSIONS

President Roosevelt devoted almost the whole of his press conference yesterday to comment on "disclosures" concerning testimony by General George Marshall before the secret session of the Senate Military Affairs Committee.

President Roosevelt said the disclosures raised the question of ethics, morals and patriotism on the part of Committee members and editors, publishers and radio commentators who spread reports of the General's statements.

The President added that in times of world upheaval it was advisable to keep secret certain things regarding the defence of the United States, although he admitted that the various "disclosures" all differed from the account he had received from General Marshall of what he actually said.—Reuter.

5-WEEK DIET—WATER

Five weeks ago William Cook, aged forty, living alone in Dacre Street, Luton, felt ill and went to bed under the stairs at his home.

Then police broke in and found him still there, weak and exhausted.

He said that he felt ill. He went to sleep. On awakening he

3 GIRLS, 15 MEN'S WORK

When there's heavy work to do in one of London's biggest stores in Oxford Street, three girls do it—three girls who do the work that fifteen men used to do.

They were busy at the week-end in the shop windows of their store—D. H. Evans and Co., Ltd.

These three girls form the store's own light working party—Vera North, Winifred Read and Peggy Belliere.

Nailing, sawing and cutting, their carpentry takes shape for some window which needs a display to show off a new frock or gift.

All this work used to be carried out by men, but they were all in national service and one by one they were called up.

So Mr. Wilkinson, the display chief, looked round among the staff for girls with an aptitude for style in showing off the goods they sell.

Vera, who is twenty, was a model. She put on slacks and shirt to join Winifred, who was a sales girl in the sports department, and Peggy, who sold flowers.

"It's nice work and we're glad we got it," they chorused as they banged away with hammer and nails.

still felt ill and slept again.

When he next awoke he was too weak to move or call for help. Throughout the five weeks, he said, he had had only a bottle of water he took with him when he went to bed.

Cook was taken to hospital, where he was stated to be improving.

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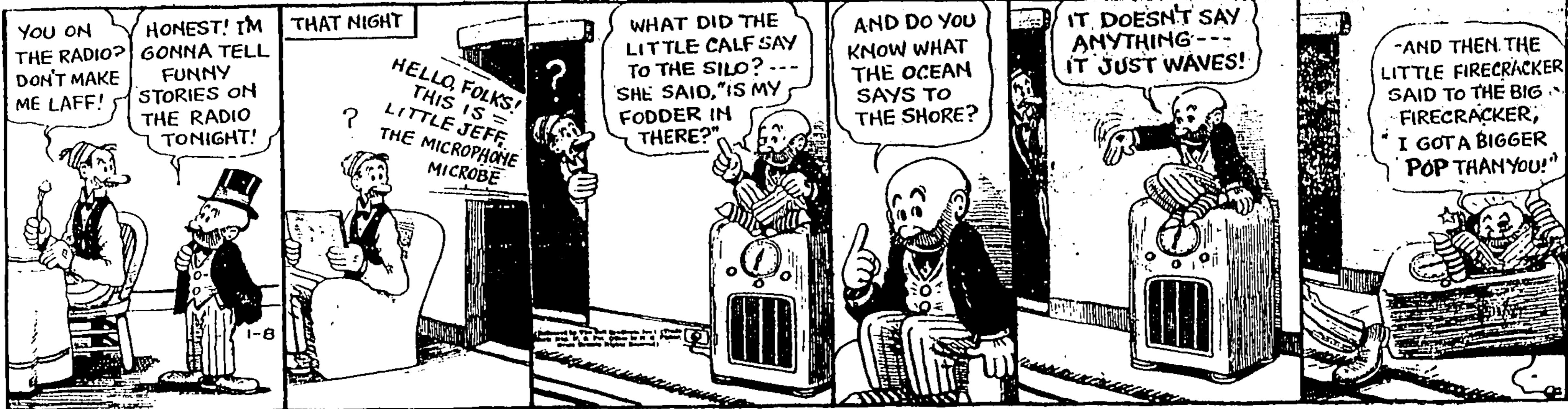
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in "BRIDAL SUITE"

MUTT AND JEFF



By BUD FISHER

MONDAY IS "SUNDAY"

Mondays are Sundays for hundreds of London and South-Eastern people now in the West.

Weston-super-Mare, whose population has doubled in twelve months, claims to be Britain's first town to provide an evacuees' church.

The church is Emmanuel, right in the centre of the town and the experiment is the result of co-operation between Emmanuel's vicar, the Rev. R. A. Down, and the Rev. C. C. Dobson, the Bishop of Chichester's emissary in Somerset.

There are so many evacuees that they cannot be accommodated in addition to the local population on Sundays, so their "Sunday" services are held on Mondays.

Each Monday the church will become their own.

Part of the services will include news bulletins from their home towns.

Evacuees are forming their own church council, appointing their own sidesmen to take their own collections, forming their own choir, and arranging their own social gatherings.

"We hope by these means to prove to them that the Church has not forgotten them," Mr. Dobson told a reporter.

"We hope to reproduce for them in their new surroundings as much as possible of the life they left behind."

"UNDERNEATH THE ARCHES" IS HOME

"MAIN HALL, ARCHWAY No. 61, London, S.E.," is Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sunnucks's present address.

They were bombed out of their tenement six weeks ago, and as their old home was too badly damaged to live in they set up a new one under the arches of the railway line.

They brought with them their most cherished and most useful goods, and with their twelve-year-old daughter have lived in "Main Hall" ever since.

A dozen families have made these arches their refuge and home. "Main Hall" sounds rather grand. Actually, it is the largest of a series of vaults with stone walls, an earth floor and a high roof dimly seen above the glow of electric light bulbs. Here the homeless families spend day and night, their children round them. The men go out to work, coming "home" again at night. Some of the women leave the archway only to do their shopping.

A mother waited here as the time for her baby drew near. She went to hospital, and her baby, and is now, three weeks later, back again at Archway 61.

Brought Grandfather Clock

The dwellers have made pathetic efforts to make the bare walls

and beaten floor as much like home as possible. On the wall hangs a mantelpiece bearing the odds and ends of china and glass that women love to see.

"It's not so bad as it seems," Mrs. Sunnucks told a reporter. "You get used to it—and we'd much sooner be here than run the risk of being bombed again. My husband goes to work. I cook him a meal at night on a stove. We've made many friends here."

The Sunnucks remain because the only official suggestion they have had is that they should go to the outer suburbs. "It's as bad there as in London," they say.

HE LIVES IN A COFFIN

A 400-year-old stone coffin in the crypt of Christ Church, Spitalfields, is now the home of Michael O'Connor, a London East End labourer.

He was blasted from his own home three months ago and since then he has spent his nights reading, eating and sleeping in the coffin.

"And very comfortable it is, too," he said.

Every morning, except Sundays, when he has a "lie-in," Michael is awoken by his wife with a cup of tea. Then off to work to put up with such wisecracks from his friends as "Hello, Mike. Back from the dead again?"

The O'Connors, with their fifteen-year-old son, have made their corner of the crypt as home-like as possible.

Mrs. O'Connor—"I don't fancy the coffin much"—sleeps on the floor with her son while Michael snores serenely in his strange bed.

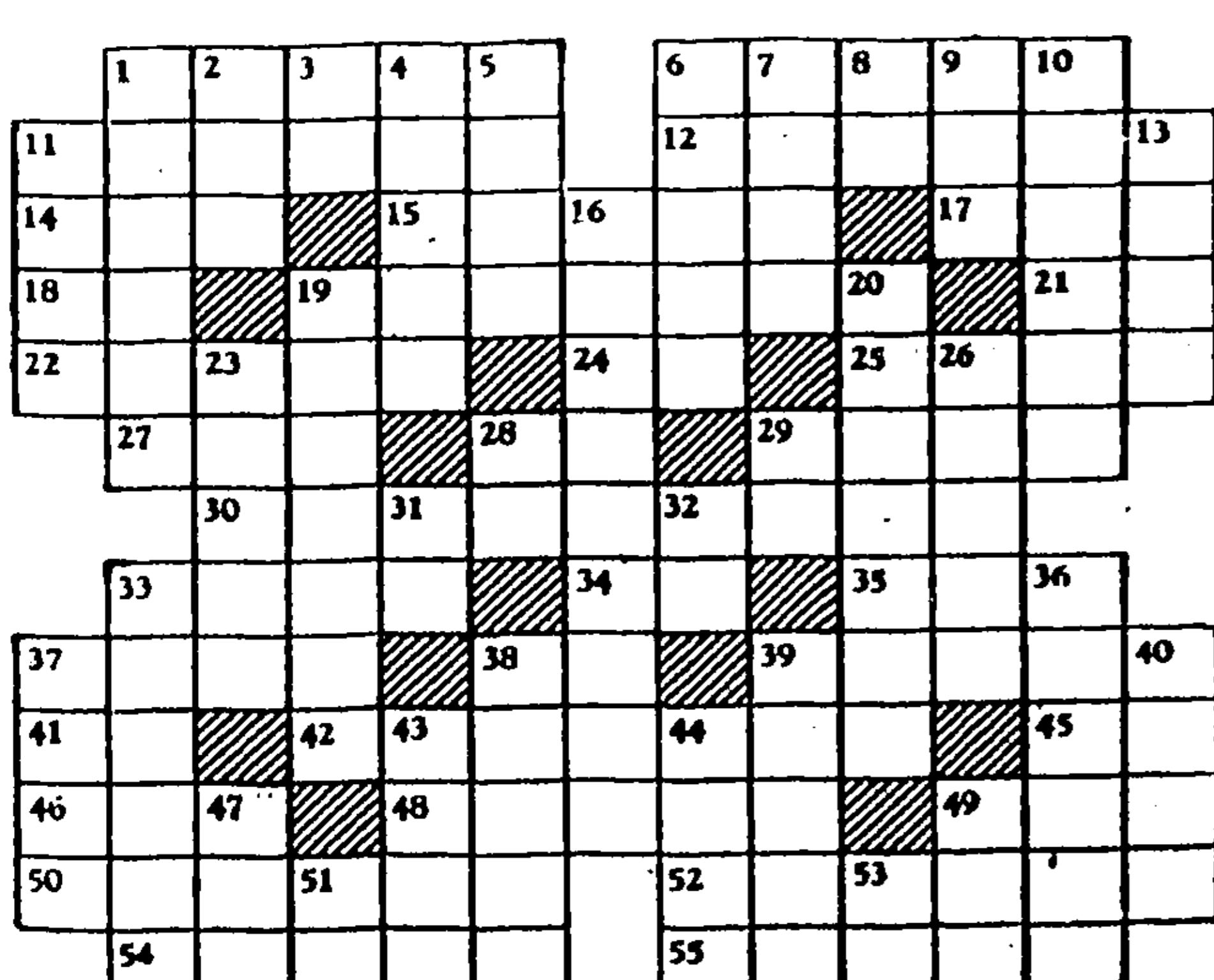
Strange At First

Michael, an old soldier, said: "I've slept in worse places. It's a bit draughty, but otherwise it's quite comfortable. There's plenty of room to move around."

"The first couple of nights I felt a bit strange and kept waking up, but I've got used to it now, and I sleep like a top. I feel safer down here than I do in a surface shelter and I hope to stop here until after the war."

There are two other stone coffins in the crypt, but so far nobody has felt like removing the heavy lids and sleeping in them.

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1 Examination
6 To embarrass
11 To select
12 Elegant apartment
13 Part of "to be"
15 The devil
17 Swiss canton
18 Note of scale
19 Protection
21 Article
22 Musical direction for silence
24 Egyptian deity
25 To intertwine
27 To make lace
28 Land measure
29 Withered
30 High cliff
32 To listen to
34 Toward
35 To hit lightly
37 Grape refuse
38 To leave
39 Colloquial, a parrot
41 Preposition
42 Small dog
43 Since
44 Former
45 Turkish title

VERTICAL
1 Warning
2 Fish eggs
3 Butterfly
4 Item of property
5 Page
6 Hindu prayer ring
7 Bench of justice
8 Indian mulberry
9 French coin
10 Man's name
11 Wagon
12 Baseball team
13 District
19 To take away
20 Person qualified to vote
23 Dido
36 Pertaining to a plane surface
28 Symbol for actinium
29 Spanish for "yes"
31 Teutonic deity
32 Italian river
33 Place where airoaltare kept
35 Variety of brass
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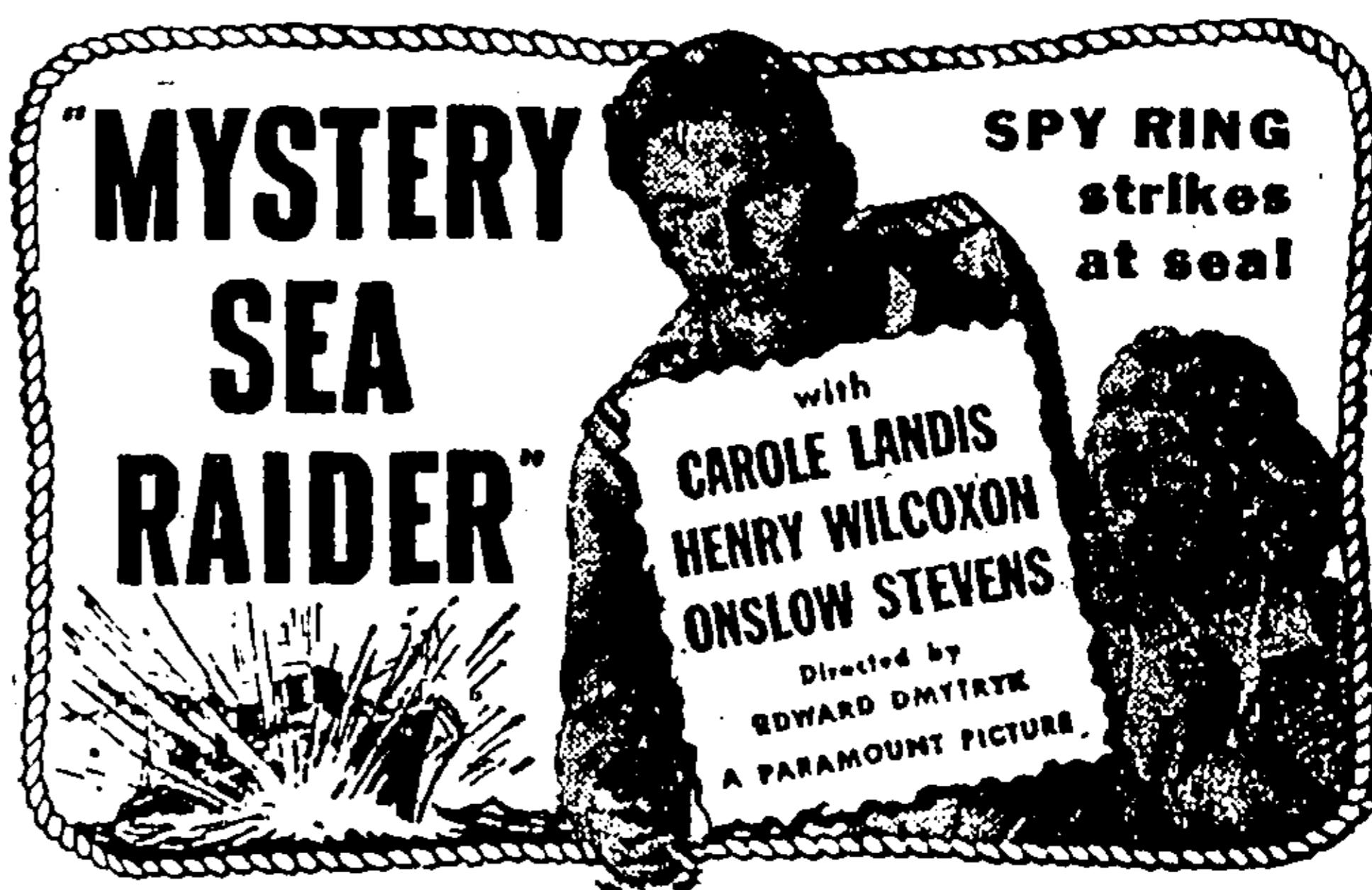
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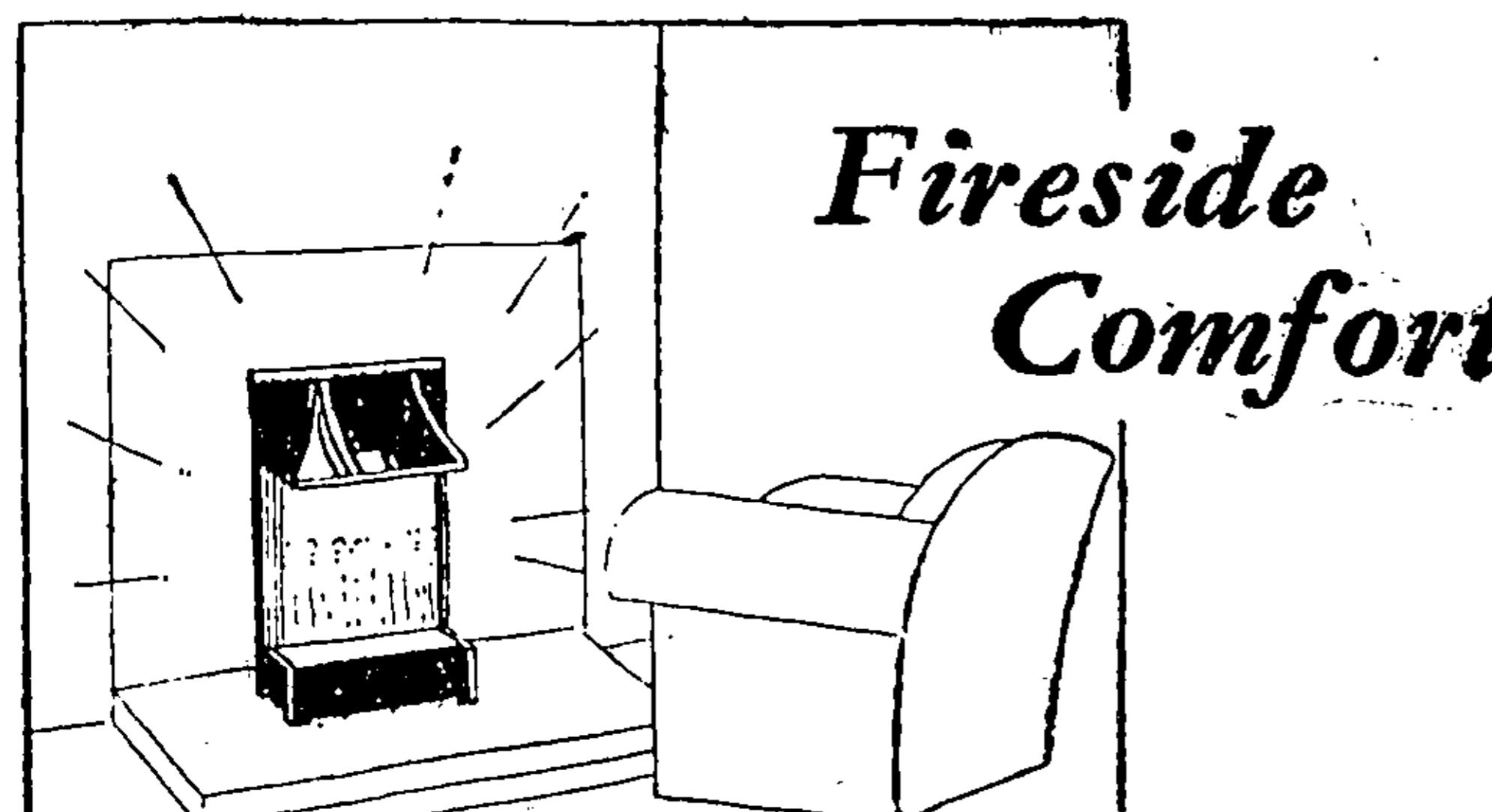
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HITLER WILL STRIKE HARDER AT BRITAIN

(By VERNON BARTLETT)

APART FROM the dissemination of reports about the southward movement of some of his soldiers, Hitler still shows no signs of coming to Mussolini's help.

These are the reasons why he will more probably concentrate on sea and air warfare against Britain:

First, a Balkan campaign at this time of year would be difficult and costly, especially in view of the encouragement that the Greek resistance has given to other neighbouring States.

Even in Rumania, apparently so completely under the Nazi heel, the majority of the Iron Guard is angry over the Nazi-ordained award of most of Transylvania to Hungary, and its nationalism is likely to develop during the winter as Nazi control becomes more obvious and provocative.

Duce's Lost Value

Secondly, when Italy came into the war the potential importance of French ships and harbours had probably not been envisaged. With their help Hitler might still hope to control the Mediterranean. It is now so clear that he cannot do so with Mussolini's help that the Italian leader ceases to be an invaluable, irreplaceable ally.

If he can be saved, so much the better for Berlin. The usual sapping and rumping of Balkan morale will continue through the winter. But the main effort to save the Duce will be an indirect one, designed less for his benefit than for that of Marshal Petain.

Petain's Move

The Marshal will be more directly under Nazi influence at Versailles than at Vichy. The risk that this will drive the French colonies into open revolt is probably, in Hitler's view, worth taking because the dangerous cleavage of opinion between occupied and unoccupied France will be lessened. But he must produce fresh evidence that he is going to be the victor in this war.

Therefore, the third reason for the concentrated attack on Britain is that only achievements in Western Europe could possibly check the rapid growth of the pro-British movement throughout France, of which a phenomenal sale of wireless sets is only one indication.

U.S. Reaction

Fourthly, it is important for Hitler to postpone Mussolini's collapse—which would inevitably damage his own prestige—by military demonstrations against Great Britain designed to discourage our dispatch of decisive reinforcements to the Near East.

In the fifth place he would be a fool if he were not to make the most of the post-election feeling of reaction and lassitude in the U.S. The nearer to the shores of that country he can achieve successes, the less his political, and Mussolini's military, defeats will stimulate American production of war material.

Attacks on our shipping and our industrial cities may therefore be intensified in the coming weeks. But so, also, will the depression among Hitler's slave populations, who have no incentive to face hardship cheerfully.

TRAIN AND RAIL MEN GUNNED

DIVING TO WITHIN 150FT., A GERMAN "PLANE" MACHINE-GUNNED A GOODS TRAIN AND A GANG OF PLATELAYERS IN A WEST MIDLANDS DISTRICT. No one was injured, and the only damage was the smashing of the red lamp attached to the guard's van.

The train drew up at a station further along the line and then proceeded on its journey.

BRITON INSPECTS ITALIAN SUBMARINE

A boy of seventeen is probably the only British seaman to have been on a conducted tour of an enemy submarine in this war.

He is Robert Timarc, of Penny Street, Skelmersdale, near Ormskirk.

Robert, who is in the merchant navy, was shown the workings of the Italian submarine which shelled and sank his ship.

After the submarine had seen the crew of the ship take to the boats it disappeared. For two days and nights Robert helped his fellows bale out the lifeboat to which they had rigged some sails. They fed on dry biscuits.

The sea got rough and the improvised mast went through the bottom of the boat. As she was sinking the Italian submarine reappeared and took the men on board.

Robert asked the Italian second officer: "What did you want to sink us for?" The officer replied: "You shouldn't ask that. We are at war. But I can tell you that no good Italian wants war."

Then, because of Robert's pluck, the officer took him over the submarine and showed him how it was built and worked.

The British crew were in the submarine for four days, then they were landed in the Azores, whence they came by ship to Lisbon.

HANKIE PETROL

Your pocket handkerchief may provide petrol for someone's car, according to Dr. Ernst Berl, German refugee scientist now in U.S.A.

He claims to have found the process by which Nature produced and stored away the fuel reserves on which the world is drawing.

GOLD MEDAL IS KING'S PASS

TRADE UNION LEADERS, presenting the King with a gold medal, told him that it would be an "open sesame" should he ever wish to attend a T.U.C. meeting.

"That means I can attend any T.U.C., does it?" said the King with a smile. "Yes, sir, that's right," replied Mr. George Gibson, chairman of the T.U.C. General Council.

The Union leaders went to their comrades in the workshops at Buckingham Palace for the presentation to the Y.M.C.A. of twenty-seven mobile canteens given by the T.U.C. and Trade Unions.

The King, in the uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet, and the Queen, wearing a shade of pale blue, came out of the Palace and shook hands with Mr. Gibson, who presented representatives of more than twenty Unions.

Mark Of Loyalty

Mr. Gibson said the canteens were primarily an expression of admiration for comrades in the Fighting Forces.

"They are a guarantee that

they will provide the necessary weapons until, in field, factory and workshop, we strike the decisive blow which will bring peace, victory and a free Europe," he added.

Mr. Gibson then said: "I have a last duty to perform. I ask your Majesty to accept this gold medal as a souvenir of the occasion and a mark of our affection and loyalty."

The King, accepting, replied: "Thank you very much."

The medal consists of a bar bearing the royal arms, from which is suspended a medallion with the letters T.U.C. surrounded by the words "Trade Union Congress, 1940." On the back is the inscription recording the presentation.

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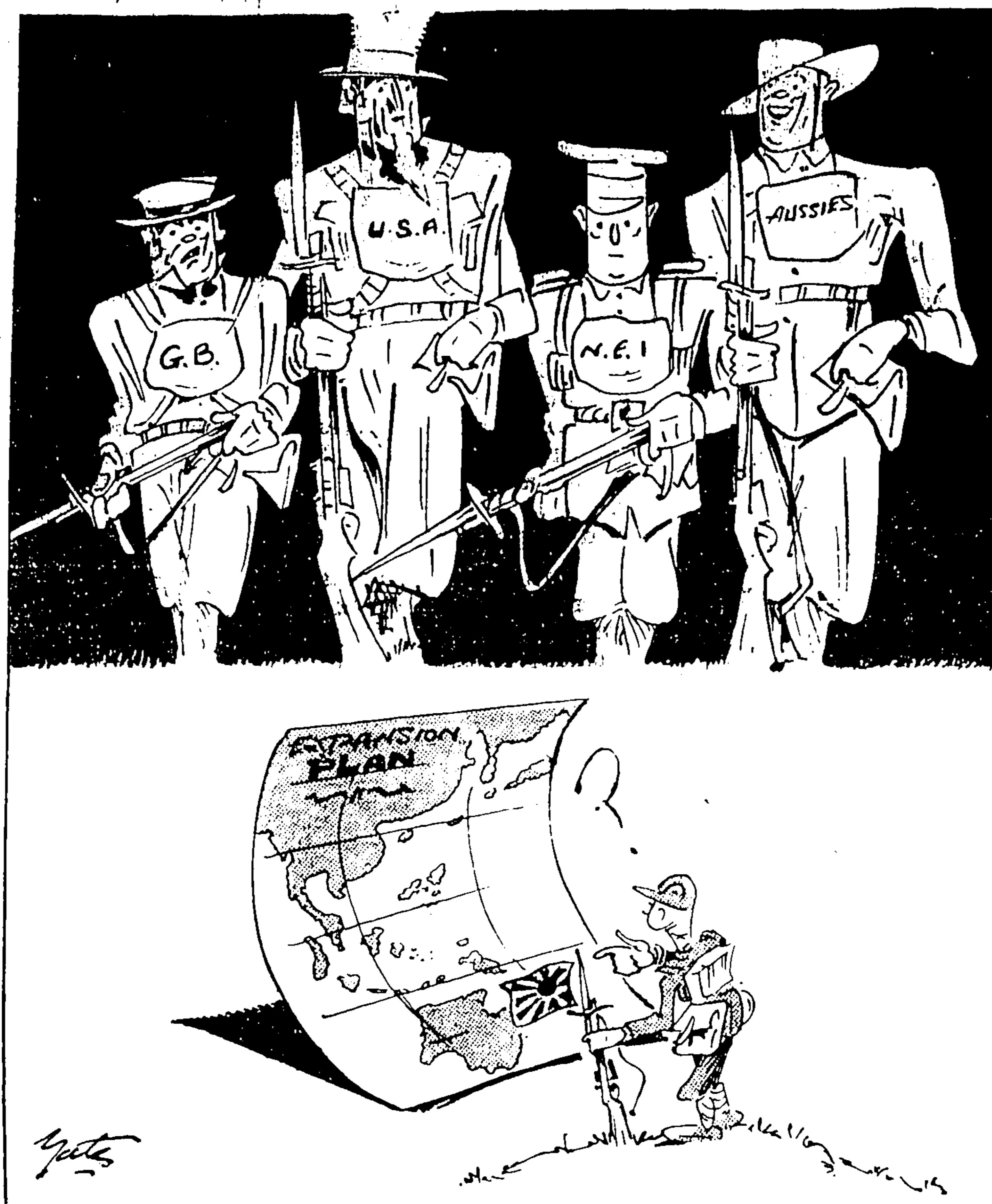
WINDSOR HOUSE

WHAT WILL JAPAN DO?

The American press and radio commentators have been recently pointing out that a Far Eastern crisis could easily lead to war between Japan and the United States and, incidentally, Britain. The warnings are each day taking on a graver tone and surprise is expressed that the Japanese do not realise the danger of allowing such a critical state to develop.

Unfortunately Japan is at the moment under the influence of the German clique in Tokyo, which is actively engaged in an attempt to dominate Japanese politics. From their point of view, in order to relieve the growing pressure on Hitler, it is essential that Japan should participate by bringing the war to the Far East, and Mr. Matsuoka's somewhat feeble effort to explain the presence of large numbers of German "technicians" in the country, indicate that he is being pushed step by step towards the abyss into which he could so easily plunge his country. Japan cannot hope for any assistance from Germany, and as one American commentator puts it: "once her naval power is broken, China will make short shift of Japan's commercial and military positions." Under these circumstances Japan's fate would be worse than that of Italy, now eating the bitter fruits of disillusionment, so different from the day but a few months ago, when Mussolini, in grandiloquent speeches, declared that Italy's military, air and field power was indomitable.

It is interesting, though tragic, to follow Japan's course since the days when she was a sincere ally of Britain. Her historians and writers know that it was during that period that Japan first entered upon a golden age which should to-day have been nearing its peak. All evidence, however, suggests that this progress has been arrested. To those who have lived in Japan and admired the Japanese people, the country to-day presents a sorry picture of unhappiness, hardship and distress. These are not elements with which to start a new war and Japanese statesmen, on whom rests the grave responsibility of steering the country into war or peace, should carefully and without prejudice insofar as in them lies, weigh the issues



FOUR-SQUARE: You weren't thinking of starting something, were you?

Beating Germany

The war may drag on for another two years or more, but, in my opinion, Germany lost it with the loss of the Battle of Britain as surely as she lost the Great War with the Battle of the Marne.

The German assault has been terrific, but it has failed to break British morale.

Well do I remember the first fierce onslaught on Saturday, September 7. It was a beautiful afternoon. We were looking from our windows, watching the planes aloft in the clear sky, when suddenly a salvo of bombs came down quite close to us. We immediately fell flat. Then, when the last

of the "stick" had exploded, we went downstairs in the midst of dust, debris and broken glass.

The door bell rang. When we opened the door, we found a man covered with dust and blood. He was quite unrecognisable at first, but as we brought him in I realised he was a neighbour, another doctor. I attended to him, and he

rose early on Sunday morning to clear up. Those memories of my own experience will serve to illustrate the sort of thing people go through.

In my many contacts with people of all sorts I am struck by the courage and determination of everyone.

"We Must Bear It Bravely"

Those who have been bombed out of their homes—some of them twice—are facing life calmly, even cheerfully.

Even more impressive is the courage of those who have lost their families.

To-day I saw a young mother whose baby was only seven weeks old. A month ago, while she was still away from home, her husband, mother and father were all trapped in a raid and killed. Her only comment, when I tried to comfort her, was "We must all try to bear it bravely."

That is the spirit of everyone in Britain. The habits of life have changed. At dusk the streets are empty of people. They are now to be found in the shelters, in their own basements, or even perhaps sleeping on the floor under a table.

Traffic is sometimes congested by diversions due to bombing, but girls on their way to work can be seen cheerfully climbing on lorries if the buses are crowded. Everyone makes a joke of it, including, of course, the bus conductors, whose increased difficulties have not dimmed their humour.

The spirit of neighbourly help is everywhere.

Citizens as Soldiers

People have suddenly discovered a unity and comradeship under the strain and stress of war.

These ordinary citizens are Britain's front line soldiers, whom the enemy will never defeat. It is a privilege to be among them.

I believe that all the courage, confidence and energy of the British people at this hour is an expression of an inward spiritual force. There has been a rediscovery of true values.

The things that matter now are not material possessions, which may disappear overnight, but spiritual treasures, which will endure.

Food On Wheels

4 a.m. . . . Not perhaps one's favourite hour for rising, especially when the All Clear hasn't gone. But here we are, scrambling out of impromptu beds, loading up the mobile canteens with tea urns, milk jugs, cakes, sausage rolls, etc. Cramping stores into the vans, tea and snacks into ourselves, tin hats on to our heads. Pushing and blundering about sleepily with heavily-shaded torches, hoping to goodness that bombs and barrage won't break over us and the vans.

Then we're off for the East End shelters which the Ministry of Health has asked us to serve. Groping our way in the blackness we pause for each unfamiliar red

By

Lorna Lewis

light on the road. Maybe it's a road diversion due to a newly fallen unexploded bomb; or rubble and glass on the road from bombed houses; or a fresh crater. Anyhow, better treat all red lamps with respect.

My particular goal is down in one of dockland's most battered quarters. This shelter holds anything from 1,000 to 1,200 people and is under a big warehouse. Outside its entrance we open the side of the van, let down the counter, get out mugs from the drawers, by the light of a very small electric lamp. Then out of the darkness appear pale faces, the faces of men, women and children looking up at us. The sound of distant gunfire is drowned by coughing and a clamour of voices: "Tea, miss . . . Three teas, mate, and three nice cakes."

Tea, miss . . . Five cups of you-an-me, please . . . Two very special teas for this lady, dear, and a sponge cake and bar of milk chocolate and a large wood-bine.

From our van alone my colleague and I serve in under three hours about four hundred cups of tea. Soon the counter and the cash box are a mass of crumbs and stickiness, the floor is a flood of tea drips. Washing up is done in a small bucket and is on primitive lines; we can only hope that what the customer's eye doesn't see the heart doesn't grieve over.

Sometimes there's a lull and we can have a little conversation with our clients.

"Well, what sort of a night did you have?"

"Might have been worse, miss. We had three more houses down at the end of the road and they chipped the bridge over at the back but we didn't do so badly." "Couldn't say, mate, I slept right through." "A better night, thank Gawd, and I'll take a meat pie and a doughnut please, miss. How was it up your end, miss?"

So darkness turns to light . . .

The All Clear has sounded. People go off to work, which begins here anywhere between 6 and 8.30 a.m. Mothers and children and old people, armed with strange bundles of night wraps, trail home. Home . . . yes, but will it still be there? How many have come out of that shelter of rest or restlessness to find that their house is a heap of ruins? Maybe it hardly seemed worth keeping, but poor and dilapidated as it was, it was home, and it was all they had.

I go into the shelter to collect cups and am led to wonder what the catacombs of ancient Rome looked like. This shelter is divided by half-partitions into three compartments. Part is dark, part is light. Here are the very old and the very, and often wailing, young. Here are family parties lying on benches, sprawling on heaped bedding on the floor, huddling into corners, surrounded with babies, baskets, teacups, fruitskins, toys, all the impedimenta of people gallantly trying to make themselves comfortable in the most difficult circumstances.

But there's company and warmth, much cheerfulness, comparatively a feeling of safety; and the promise by the authorities of better things to come.

It is, I admit, a relief to come into the open again and breathe the morning air. And now dawn has turned into daylight, the sun is rising, the sky is streaked with its friendly glow. What were dim bulky shadows turn out to be ships and warehouses. Already a new day's work has begun for many.

Another night has passed; and we're all here.

"How d'you think we're doing?" I ask a young sailor, a factory girl, and a stout woman in a shawl who are poring over to-day's picture paper.

"Oh, we're doing all right," is the reply; and a homeless warehouser joins in: "You know, miss; I reckon I didn't know what we're up again."

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RAID DEATHS LESS THAN ANTICIPATED

ALTHOUGH BRITISH authorities anticipated a minimum of 30,000 casualties a month among England's civilian population, the figure has never totalled more than 12,000 a month during the intensified Nazi air raids, Dr. Philip D. Wilson, chief surgeon of the New York Hospital for the Ruptured and Crippled reported.

Dr. Wilson arrived on the American Export liner Excalibur, which he boarded at Lisbon. He went to London four months ago as founder and medical director of the American Hospital in Britain, Ltd. During that time he and a group of associates from the United States helped to provide medical treatment for civilian victims of the war.

Dr. Wilson, who is also Clinical Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at the Columbia University School of Medicine, was attached to the hospital at Basingstoke, a town fifty miles southwest of London.

Pneumonia Is Feared

While the casualty total has been less than was expected, Dr. Wilson said, the next few months may be critical for the civilian population because of the danger of a general outbreak of pneumonia cases due to living conditions in air raid shelters.

Advanced methods of caring for those suffering from orthopedic wounds have produced excellent results in England, he said.

"We followed a policy of careful neglect. Instead of dressing the wounds each day, plaster of paris was applied as soon as possible, then the wounded part was allowed to rest for as long as four or five weeks. Finally we applied sulfa-thiazole, a new derivative of sulfanilamide," he said.

"I served during the last war before and after the United States entered and I can appreciate the difference between the methods used then and now," Dr. Wilson declared. "Because wounds are not dressed daily now as they were then, you're not transferring fresh infection into the old wounds. Much pain is eliminated and the infection is controlled."

Dr. Wilson, who specialised in the treatment of orthopedic cases among the wounded, said that there was now a chain of emergency hospitals extending all over England.

"Patients stay in the big hospitals in the cities for only one or two days in most cases. Then they are moved out to the country to make room for others."

He described the work done in reconstruction after facial injuries as "one of the greatest developments" he had observed, stressing especially the accomplishments in that field by Dr. John M. Con-

verse, a plastic surgeon of St. Luke's Hospital in New York, who went abroad with him.

"His specialty," Dr. Wilson said, "is reconstructing entire faces of young aviators after they have been burned in combat."

He said that in doing this a flap of skin bigger than the face is cut from the stomach of the injured man. The skin is then grafted to the arm, where it is kept alive by the blood stream, and after a period of about three weeks it is brought up and placed over the face.

SAW HER HUSBAND FOR 1 DAY

Last August Grace Ketteringham, of Tilney St. Lawrence, Norfolk, wed her sweetheart, twenty-eight-year-old Arthur William Heyhoe, also of Tilney St. Lawrence, at the century-old village church.

Next day Heyhoe reported for duty with a Royal Artillery unit, and in their letters they planned how they would spend his first leave together.

Once he wrote to say that he expected a long week-end, then suddenly the leave was cancelled.

He learned that he would have seven days' leave early in December. The couple made new plans.

Now Mrs. Heyhoe has learned that Arthur had died on active service.

She had not seen him since the first day of what would have been their honeymoon.

'LIVELY' ON THE ALERT

"What a lovely job," exclaimed a member at Edmonton Borough Council meeting, when it was reported that a local doctor received three guineas for attending a first aid post every time an Alert was sounded.

The doctor's account was £194. This method of payment has now been stopped.



FACE TO FACE WITH THE LAW—(right to left). George Raft, Flora Robson, John Bryan and William Holden, principals in the cast of "Invisible Stripes" at the Kings. The law is represented by Charles Wilson (left).

AMERICANS FAVOUR SHIPS FOR BRITAIN

Although still in a slight minority, many more American voters favour sending war materials to England in American ships to-day than did so when the war broke out, surveys by the American Institute of Public Opinion indicate. Dr. George Gallup, the institute's director, reports.

"This is certain to be one of the biggest issues of the next few months," Dr. Gallup says.

"Although the issue has not been fully debated as yet, some indication of the trend of public thinking on the subject comes from a survey just completed by the institute. The results obviously cannot be taken as the public's final judgment on the matter, since the issue is certain to be hotly debated in the future.

"The institute, through a nationwide interviewing staff, put this question to a cross-section of the American voting public:

"Since the English have lost many ships, they may not be able to come and get the war materials we make for them. If this proves to be the case, should American ships with American crews be used to carry war materials to England?"

"The results indicate that public sentiment is about evenly divided, with a slight majority against the proposal.

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| Yes | 42% |
| No | 45 |
| Undecided | 13 |

"What makes these results especially interesting is their contrast with the results of a poll made in September, 1939—the first month of the European war. That survey found an overwhelming desire among the American voters to keep United States ships out of the war area.

"The issue of sending ships to Britain has one further aspect which was exploded in the survey. Should the American Navy be used to guard American ships crossing to England? This issue was put to persons who had voted in favour of sending the ships, with the following result:

"If American ships and American crews are used to carry war materials to England, should these ships be guarded by our Navy while crossing?"

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| Vote of Persons Who Favour Shipping American Ships Navy should convey those ships | 82% |
| Should not | 12 |
| Undecided | 6 |

CRIPPLE CLIMBS

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A crippled youth, Jack Haden, who had only just left hospital, climbed seventy feet up a steel pipe to tackle an incendiary bomb on the roof of a church in a Midland town.

He kicked the bomb through the slates. It fell into the centre aisle of the church and set fire to a few chairs—all the damage that was done. A boy of twelve helped him in his climb.

Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN How To Groom Professionally

Every woman owes herself a periodic visit to a first rate beauty parlour, if she can possibly manage it. Frequent visits are recommended, if time and income allow. But a professional examination of one's skin and scalp every three months should be considered as "an ounce of prevention."

While expert fingers give you a facial and scalp treatment note how they work. The operator will analyse your current scalp and skin condition and suggest which beauty aids will be most efficacious for corrective treatment. I know women fear to seek the advice of a beauty salon because they feel operators will laden them with superfluous cosmetics. Those women should frankly state they want only the "essential" beauty aids to use at home. They will have no difficulty in getting what they need in a conscientious beauty parlour which is interested in building its clients.

What Are Essential Aids?

Every skin requires a good cleansing cream and soap. Most dry and normal skins require also a mild freshener and a lubricating cream. If one's face has sagged or wrinkled noticeably then a firming masque or a wrinkle cream is in order.

When a woman has a specific skin problem such as a blemished condition, enlarged pores, discolored skin, leathery texture or an excessively oily condition, she should discuss it candidly with the beauty consultant.

"What should I do about these enlarged pores on my nose?" she



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should ask directly, and if the operator is skilled she will suggest a pore-paste treatment — only

ONE additional aid to the cosmetics essential for daily care. Any woman becomes confused and skeptical if several additional cosmetics are suggested.

Regarding Scalp Care

Scalp conditions, likewise, require not more than two or three aids—a corrective tonic, an effective shampoo and possibly a scalp salve or pomade. Of course, there is a wide choice of products for dressing the hair, such as brilliantine, softening pomades, setting lotions and hair colognes, but for the actual daily care of the scalp, three aids are sufficient. If a scalp is in such a deplorable condition that a complicated routine must be suggested, the woman would do better to have regular professional treatments than to attempt to correct the condition herself.

How Done Is Important

How the facial is given, or the scalp treatment, is as important as what is used for the treatment. Note how the operator massages the delicate facial muscles, applies heated oils or soothes and firms with chilled astringents. If a masque is applied, note how long it is left on your skin.

When your scalp is treated learn how to brush your hair correctly, apply tonic or pomade, massage the scalp and wash the hair. Then do the same at home. Correct application of beauty aids is vitally important if you want satisfactory results!

Very Young Beauties Cherish Aids Like Mother's

Almost as soon as a tiny girl first applying the camphor ice in can walk she apes her mother. She wants to wear high heels, powder her nose, brush her teeth and mimic mother in countless other ways. Because of that very natural desire to be like the person she loves mostly, your young daughter cherishes beauty aids of her very own, which resemble the ones you use.

If you want to please her immensely see that she gets a vanity set (with a good hair brush) exactly like yours or resembling yours.

Manicuring sets also tickle her fancy. "Paint my nails, too," the young beauty pleads as you paint your own. It is quite harmless to paint her nails a natural sheen or the softest of pink, and having her own set is inspiration to keep her nails looking nicely. No biting them, always a scrub with a brush after play hours have ended and a bit of cream to keep chapped skin from breaking! Teach her these little grooming for they not only amuse but they train character.

Two little nieces of mine adore a camphor ice lipstick. As soon as the cold weather arrives they ask for their lipsticks and will not step out into the snow without

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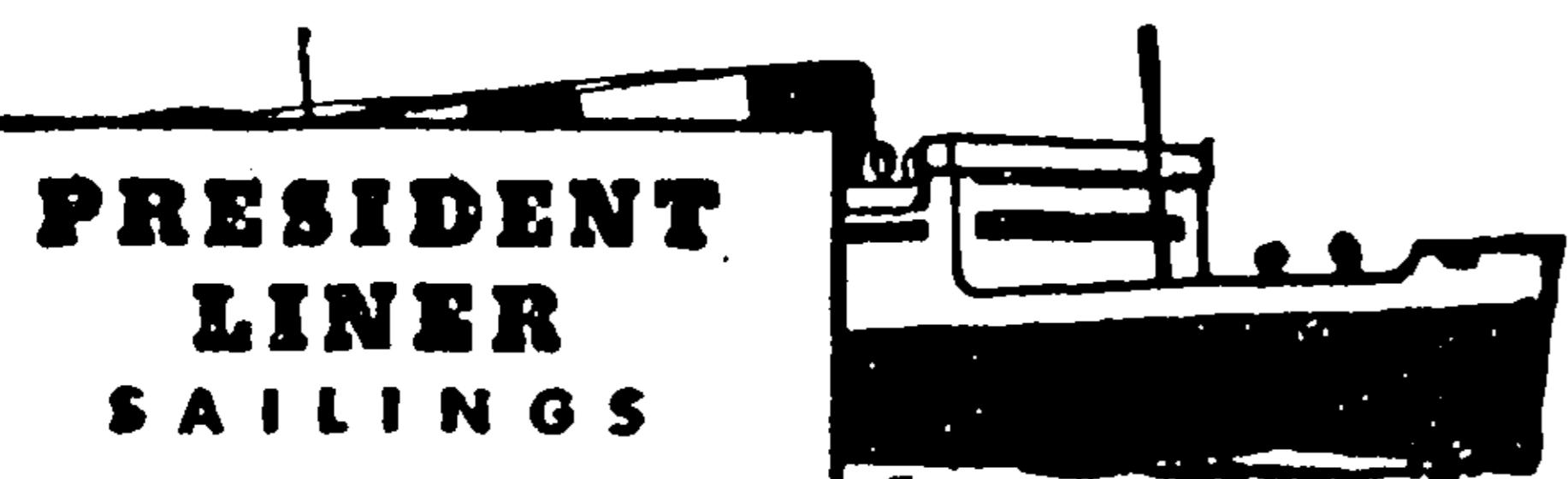
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Mail Service to Madagascar and Ro-union is temporarily suspended.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Yunnan, Szechuan, Kwol-chow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy & Kulangsu), Kwangsi (except Wuchow & Yungchien), North & East of Kwang-tung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

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12.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Joe Loss and His Orchestra.

1.03 p.m.—Sousa Marches.

1.18 p.m.—Plantation Songs.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.32 p.m.—Compositions of Richard Strauss.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Dancing Marches".

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—Special Broadcast to the British Forces in the Far East.

8.03 p.m.—Dvorak—Concerto in B Minor, Op. 104.

8.40 p.m.—William Brownlow (Baritone) and the New Light Symphony Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

9.30 p.m.—Local Sports Results.

9.33 p.m.—Nelson Eddy (Baritone), Jeanette MacDonald (Soprano) and Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Music Hall.

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—Talk 'Books and People'.

11.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

12.00 midnight—Close down.

THE CHINA MAIL, FEBRUARY 22, 1941.

BOMBED CITY'S FIRE CHIEF ASKED TO QUIT

"I AM RETIRING with a clear conscience, but it is like a general being called home from the front."

Mr. Alfred R. Tozer, chief of Birmingham Fire Brigade, who has been asked to retire following the raids on the city, said this recently.

"I have been in this brigade for forty-eight years," Mr. Tozer told a reporter. "My father was in the brigade, and my son is now second officer here."

"I was due to retire next year," he added. "But since the raids a new fire committee has been appointed, and they asked me to retire."

"It was alleged that several fires were not attended to, and that places were burned that could have been saved. But my men and I did our best. I was out on most of the fires."

"For months I pleaded for assistance and could not get it. But I know the people of Birmingham are behind me, and I leave with a clean sheet."

The Fire Committee has advertised for a new fire chief.

Sir John Burman, member of Birmingham Fire Brigade sub-committee, told a reporter. "Mr. Tozer has had a distinguished career. He was to have retired last year, but, owing to the war, he extended his service for one year."

"Recently a new committee was appointed and Mr. Tozer was asked to resign. He is now sixty-five."

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"The fire chief received £1,250 a year and free quarters, and Mr. Tozer will receive a good pension."

"He did his best. It is regrettable that the raids should have occurred after his long service in the city."

"The Home Office have sent down a temporary fire chief who has had much experience in Calcutta and Mr. Tozer is assisting him until a new fire chief is appointed. It is a job for a younger man."

"I am chairman of Birmingham Watch Committee and the Fire Committee has always been a sub-committee of that body. But now a separate Fire Committee has been specially appointed to work on its own and they will direct all fire matters in this city."

PENNIES ESCAPED IN DIRECT HIT

Every time there was an air raid in her area and her home escaped broken windows or other damage, Patricia Thoresby, of South-East London, collected a penny each from her father and mother.

She explains this in a letter to the Minister of Aircraft Production, to whom she has sent the proceeds—a 15s. postal order towards a Spitfire.

Then in a postscript, she apologises for her letter being late. "Our house had a direct hit," she says. "We all got safely out and this letter was found in the debris."

When she re-wed, Mrs. Heneage wore her original emerald and diamond engagement ring. Her wedding ring was also the same, with the addition of the new date engraved on it.

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Friday, 21st February, 1941.

1. Recruits' Medical Examination

There will be no medical examination on Friday 28th Feb.

2. Efficiency Medal

Extract from Government Gazette No. 15 dated 14.2.41.

"No. 174—In accordance with regulation 8 of the Regulations as to grant, forfeiture, restoration and other matters concerning The Efficiency Medal in regard to the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, published as Notification No. 579 in the Gazette of 2nd August, 1935, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to authorise the following award:—

Efficiency Medal.

Company Quartermaster Sergeant JOHN CALLANDER POLSON

Corporal JOHN TRUEMAN LACEY.

13th February, 1941."

3. Resignation of Commission

Extract from Government Gazette No. 15 dated 14.2.41.

"No. 170—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to approve that Major MAURICE ALFRED JOHNSON, O.B.E., M.M., be allowed to resign his commission in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from 15th January, 1941."

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4. Fanling Camps

(a) 1st Camp

The following units and other personnel as detailed will proceed to camp on 27th February under instructions already issued.

Field Company Engineers.

Corps Signals.

Mobile Column.

No. 2 Company.

No. 3 Company.

Army Service Corps Company (Those detailed).

Field Ambulance (Those detailed).

(b) Corps Headquarters

H.Q. Office will be open at the usual hours for correspondence only.

D.R.L.S. will run as under:—

27th February—6th March.

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TWO SPLENDID GAMES ON TO-MORROW'S PROGRAMME

Mohawks Out For Blood Against The C.B.C.

Cyclones Should Do Well Against Recreio Aces

By "Grandstand"

AS A CHANGE from the dull games which have been witnessed on the Kowloon Football Club Ground during the last few weeks, interesting tilts will feature to-morrow's three-game Senior League programme, when Sunburn Omar's Cyclones tangle with the Recreio Aces in the opener at 1.30 p.m. and the Mohawks come to town to battle with Abe Liu's Chinese Baseballers at 4.00 p.m.

The Waggoners are all out the Frippines, interest seems to have waned. Gerry Gosano and Charlie Figueiredo will again be the battery for this game. Stacked up against the depleted Ramblers, Sunburn Omar's defensive team of "fightingest" players should have a good chance.

With three setbacks chalked against them, the Mohawks must win this one to preserve their pennant hopes. Cy "Screwball" Jones will be in there chucking them to Joe Morris for the Mohawks, whilst Ernie Hearther, Chuck Waggoner, Pete Fitch and Lou Leight will take care of the bases. Ballhawks will be Hank Sperry, Johnnie Schalberg and Frank Crews.

Denham Crary, fire-ball tosser, will toil on the slab for the Chinese with Nip Lum working behind the batter. Huckjai Kitchell, Kassa Nazarin and Caco Marques will be officiating.

Another Thriller

Fans should be treated to another thrilling game when the Cyclones cross bats with the Recreio Aces at 1.30 p.m. It will be remembered that the Rees nosed out the Cyclones by the only run scored in the previous game.

The Rees have dropped off considerably since their infield was broken up by the inability of the Gosano brothers, Lino and Zinho, to play, and are no longer the flashy team of yester-year when they annexed the championship without a single defeat.

Judging from the scratch team that was fielded last week against

LAST BIG TEST FOR WAYFOONG

By "Grandstand"

Coming into the home-stretch of the Inter-Hong Softball League without a single defeat chalked up against them, the Hong Kong Bankers tangle with the Texaco Oilers at 10 a.m. in their last serious obstacle to the pennant.

A Wayfoong victory will just about wrap up the pennant for them, whilst a loss would make the inter-hong flag-chase more interesting, as both the Texaco and Shell Oilers are right at the Bankers' heels, with one loss apiece.

The Texacans started off the season rather poorly, but with the addition of Lone Star Ranger, Larruping Larry Lawrence, and heavy slugging Mohawk centre-fielder, Johnnie Schalberg, the team has been bringing off some brilliant victories.

The Bankers, composed mainly of players from the Junior League W.R.C. team, have better teamwork, and will probably romp with the bacon to make this their fifth consecutive win.

Jock Brown, first string hurler, will take the pitching assignment, with Pitsy Barradas in reserve, whilst the Gosano brothers, Gerry and Bertie, will probably take infield positions.

At 11.30 a.m. the Cables meet the Greenspots. Both games will be played on the Chatham Road Military Football Ground.

SOFTBALL PROGRAMME FOR TO-MORROW

SENIOR LEAGUE
(At the Kowloon Football Club Ground)

Recreio Aces v Cyclones
(1.30 p.m.)

(Herbie Quon, Tommy Chan and G. G. Lee)

Indians v Canadian Chinese
(2.45 p.m.)

(Johnnie Alvares, A. V. Gosano and Chuck Waggoner)

Chinese Baseballers v H.K. Baseballers
(4.00 p.m.)

(A. R. Kitchell, Kassa Nazarin and Caco Marques)

LADIES' LEAGUE
(At the Kowloon Football Club Ground)

Cardinals v Recreio Ramblers
(9.00 a.m.)

(Hall Winglee, Nip Lum and Bimby Ablong)

Wildcats v Wahoos
(10.30 a.m.)

(Doc Molthen, Charlie Figueiredo and Caco Marques)

Chung Hwa v Little Flowers
(12.00 noon)

(Nick Beltrao, Nip Lum and Dave Walker)

INTER-HONG LEAGUE
(At the Chatham Road Military Football Ground)

Hong Kong Bankers v Texaco Oilers
(10.00 a.m.)

(Bob Laurel, Art Ribeiro and Vane Marques)

Cables v Greenspots
(11.30 a.m.)

("Texaco" C. W. Ng, Manolo Souza and Tony Pereira)

COTTAGE CLUB FAREWELL

On Sunday evening, after the point-to-point, there will be a farewell supper at the Cottage Club for that well-known Dutch sportsman and rider, Mr. Willem Van Dam, who is shortly being transferred to Batavia.

His participation in the point-to-point on Sunday will probably be his last appearance on a horse at Fanling for some time to come and his friends in the country will miss the familiar combination of Van and his pony Rastus.

Although Cynthia has been laid up for the past two weeks with a severe cold, she is now in form again.

Doris Mar will probably take the initial satchel, with Irene Pereira and Lily Mar forming the keystone combination, whilst Gloria Mar's position at the hot-corner is indisputable.

On the mound for the Owls will be Therese "Big Chief" Noronha, who has plenty of "stuff" behind her offerings, while Jackie Anderson, who has been resting from her arm injury sustained recently, will probably be catching. Umpires selected for this important game are "Doc" Molthen, Charlie Figueiredo and Caco Marques.

Blood Match

The Cardinals-Recreio Ramblers tilt at 9.00 a.m. should also be very interesting as both teams are out for blood. The Cards just managed a win their first game, after two extra innings were played, but since then have improved immensely. The addition of heavy slugging Rosita Bagalawis, who will be working behind the plate, will just about cinch the game for the Redbirds.

Eugenio Babida, who cracked a no-hitter against the Florinhas last week, will be on the mound again for the Cards, while Gerry Jorge and Melvie Campos will probably be the Ramblers' battery.

Arbitrators for this game will be Hal Winglee, Nip Lum, and Bimby Ablong.

Another Stern Fight

At noon, the Little Flowers meet Elia Chinn's Chung Hwa lassies in what should be another battle of the century. After a ding-dong battle, the Florinhas took the decision in their first meeting, but don't let that fool you—they're still anybody's game.

Umpires for this gigantic struggle will be Nick Beltrao, Nip Lum and Dave Walker.

ENGLISH HORSE IN SANTA ANITA RACE

HELIOPOLIS, THE English-bred horse which ran third in the 1939 Epsom Derby, Challedon, a famous American thoroughbred owned by Mr. W. L. Brann, Mr. Charles S. Howard's Kayak II and Mioland rank as the "big four" of the seventh running of the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap, the world's richest stake, at the Santa Anita race track, Los Angeles, on March 1, 1941.



TO-DAY'S RUGBY

Following have been invited to represent Combined Services against Combined Club and Police to-day on the Club ground at 4.30 p.m.—Honywill (Navy); Richards (Army); Douglass (Army); Paul (Navy); and Birrell (Army); Carter (Navy); and Rutherford (Navy); Sutherland (Army); Watson (Navy); Bompas (Army); King (Navy); Miller (Army); Piner (Army); Berry (Army); and Pode (Navy).

At 3.15 p.m. Club and Police "A" will meet Services "A".

WILDCATS TAKING NO CHANCES AGAINST THE WAHOOS

By "Grandstand"

SPOTLIGHTING to-morrow's ladies' triple bill at the Kowloon Football Club Ground at 10.30 a.m. the Wildcats tangle with the Wahoos.

BASKETBALL TREAT

A big crowd of basketball fans is expected this evening at Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridges Street, to witness an interesting game between 20th Century Fox Film basketball team and All-Star Hong Kong quintette.

Prior to this game, a Kowloon girls' starlet team will be seen in action against a Hong Kong all-star quintette in a curtain-raiser, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The proceeds of this match will be donated to the Chinese Youth Medical Relief Association and to the British Bomber Fund.

Bill Woo, coach of the champion South China A.A. cage team, has been chosen by the committee to handle the Colony's all-stars and the following players have been selected:

Slew Kit-man (Capt.), Sek Chen-tack, Cheung Yuk-kwan, Cheng Choi-sun, and Sek Chen-chew (South China A.A.); Leung Kok-dock, Poon Yu-kwan, Lo Chen-hoan, Lee Pui-chick and Tai Fook-shing (Sing Tao); Luk Tack-chiang (Chinese Y.M.C.A.); Chan Siu-fook and Chan Sin-kao (Kuip Min. University); Ng Ching-chu (Canton University); Hyui Man-fu (Eastern Athletic Association).

TO-DAY'S HOCKEY

In addition to the two hockey games arranged by Y.M.C.A. at King's Park this afternoon, there will be a friendly match between Hong Kong Ladies and Royal Engineers at Sookunpoo which will commence at 3 p.m.

Following will present Y.M.C.A. 1st XI (v. Nomads at 4.15 p.m.)

Benwell, Taylor and Yourieff; Jordan, Coombe and Waldron; Smith, Morgan, Hitchcock, Oleson and Dunne.

2nd XI (v. Khalasa at 3 p.m.)—Creggett, Railton and Whitburn; Smits, Gorman and Spencelayh; Macey, Olson, Dorner, Fancey and Banks.

GOLF PLAY-OFF

Capt. A. C. F. Drew-Wilkinson, who tied with Major K. S. Simpson in the second "South China Morning Post" Bomber Fund Competition, won the play-off with a card of one up.

Original scores were:

Capt. Drew-Wilkinson (15) five up (wins) prize; Major K. S. Simpson (20) five up wins five balls; Col. H. B. Rose (9) four up four balls; D. S. Edward (4) three up wins three balls; Rev. J. Ward (24) two up wins two balls; G. M. Park (7) one up wins one ball; T. Megarry (8) one up wins one ball.

The Stables Competition held at Fanling between February 1st and 10th was won by J. Stirling Lee, who returned a card of 18-36.

VETERAN TO RIDE OOLONG

It is learned from Mr. V. V. Needa that Mr. George Pollock, veteran Shanghai jockey who is down here on a visit, will ride Oolong, winner of the Hong Kong Derby, on Monday.

It is to be hoped that the other veteran jockey from the North, Mr. Eric Moller Sr., who faces under the name of Ciro, will himself take out his pony Velvetlight, and so lend extra colour to the race, which would then become a real "Veterans' Stakes".

CRICKET

VITAL SENIOR MATCH TO-DAY

By "Adrem"

A MATCH WHICH SHOULD BE ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING OF THE SENIOR CRICKET LEAGUE SEASON WILL BE PLAYED AT COX'S ROAD THIS AFTERNOON, WEATHER PERMITTING, BETWEEN THE CURRENT CHAMPIONS, KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB, AND CLUB DE RECREIO.

If K.C.C. win to-day, they are virtually certain to retain the championship, whereas a draw will leave Craigengower and University the only teams in a position to challenge, although the former will have to dispose of the formidable C.S.C.C. this afternoon and then win all their remaining fixtures, while Craigengower also will be unable to drop further points.

K.C.C. and Recreio will both be at full strength this afternoon and the result is most difficult to forecast. In the two friendlies played thus far this season between the two clubs, K.C.C. won the first while Recreio were well on the way to victory in the second when stumps were drawn.

C.S.C.C. Should Win

There should also be little in the other senior fixture between Civil Service and University. The latter team are difficult to get out when the wicket is fairly good but at Happy Valley I do not expect Baker and Company to have very much difficulty in disposing of them cheaply in which event their batsmen should score enough runs to enable them to win.

Craigengower juniors, still in the running for Second Division honours, will not be able to take any chances against University, not a strong team by any means, but one against which it does not pay to be over-confident. On their own ground at Pokfulum University are about 50 per cent. more dangerous and I shall not be surprised if they hold their opponents to a draw.

Following is the programme and some of the teams:

FIRST DIVISION
C. S. C. C. v. University
K. C. C. v. Recreio

SECOND DIVISION
University v. C. C. C.
FRIENDLIES
D. B. S. v. C. S. C. C.
H. K. C. C. v. Recreio
C. C. C. 2nd XI:—A. M. Omar (Capt.).

N. Broadbridge, S. Leonard, J. W. Leonard, A. B. Hamson, E. A. Lee, A. Hung, U. H. Esmail, T. Lock, C. W. Lam and W. K. Way. Reserves: O. M. Omar and L. Choa.

H.K.C.C. "A" XI:—H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), H. J. Armstrong, C. W. E. Bishop, N. D. Booker, G. J. P. Carey, W. G. Finnie, J. L. Hisley, D. O. Parsons, R. S. W. Paterson, E. W. Pudney and D. S. Robb.

C.S.C.C. 1st XI:—J. E. Richardson (Capt.), K. J. Attwell, F. Baker, W. H. Colledge, T. V. N. Fortescue, R. H. Griffiths, B. C. K. Hawkins, D. McLeillan, A. E. Perry, N. Whitley and A. M. J. Wright.

C.S.C.C. 2nd XI:—H. E. Strange (Capt.), G. Ainslie, J. Barrow, G. Davidson, H. Parrott, T. Lockhart, J. F. MacGowan, J. Mitchell, N. L. Smith, G. Stone and A. Watson.

Recreio 1st XI:—E. L. Gosano (Capt.), W. A. Reed, A. M. Rodrigues, A. M. Prata, H. L. Ozorio, L. G. Gosano, J. M. Gosano, G. N. Gosano, E. M. L. Soares, N. A. Beltrao and P. M. N. da Silva Jr.

Recreio 2nd XI:—E. A. R. Alves (Capt.), A. E. Noronha, H. A. Barros, F. J. Remedios, M. A. Remedios, A. J. M. Prata, J. A. Soares, B. T. Gosano, A. H. Remedios, L. J. A. Remedios and V. Yvanovich Jr.

University 1st XI:—N. C. Sen Gupta, L. T. Ride, C. N. Matthews, W. S. Gegg, K. Y. Tam, J. Tsui, G. Hong Choy, J. Fenton, K. S. Oh, Naranjan Singh and S. Mahmood. Scorer: B. W. Henkin.

University 2nd XI:—R. M. Soares, R. S. Gill, T. C. Lo, T. T. Chin, S. Amavanan, D. Chelliah, E. Mazuza, A. Ahmed, J. Amercali, C. W. Hooi and K. S. Gill. Scorer: B. Ahmed.

K.C.C. 1st XI:—E. C. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, E. F. Fincher, N. A. E. Mackay, D. Hung, A. Zimmern, F. R. Zimmern, R. E. Lee, F. J. Lay and R. T. Broadbridge. Scorer: T. W. Carr; Umpire: J. R. Robinson.

VOLUNTEER TEAM FOR TO-MORROW

The cricket match between Volunteers and Recreio at King's Park to-morrow will start at 11 a.m. and not noon as previously advised. The Volunteers team is:

L. T. Ride (captain), E. C. Fincher, D. G. Day, M. F. L. Haynes, N. A. E. Mackay, N. D. Lloyd, D. Hung, E. Zimmern, A. Zimmern, F. Zimmern, K. M. Baxter.

MYSTERY BOXER IN MANILA

The mystery boxer who battles Nicki Wan, Chinese scrapper, for the heavyweight championship of the Orient on March 1 at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum, Manila, recently allowed himself to be photographed by newspaper photographers but would not reveal his identity, says the "Manila Bulletin."

The American fighter, a left-hander, worked out with the punching and sand bags but wore a mask.

The mystery man handles his fists well and throws his punches as if he were used to slugging.

The only condition demanded by Nicki Wan was that his opponent weigh not more than 130 pounds for the coming bout. Wan has resumed training.

Promoter Luis Logan has secured a gold belt, from a local business establishment which will be awarded the winner of the March 1 bout, symbolic of the heavyweight championship of the Orient.

A lead as to who might be Wan's foe on March 1 was given by Logan when he advised Nicki Wan to start training for a left-handed fighter as his opponent will be a port sider. Wan is not particularly worried about whom he will fight.

Wan has started training with left handers. He has never fought a port sider but has trained with them in China he said.

AMERICAN TENNIS IN 1940 REVIEWED

SHADOWS OF WAR abroad fell across the tennis picture in 1940, robbing the game of some of its brightest stars and forcing abandonment of Davis Cup play.

Two events stood out on the domestic scene:

1. The rise of Don McNeill as top ranking men's singles player.

2. The retirement of Alice Marble, four times national women's champion and outstanding woman athlete of 1940, from the ranks of the amateurs.

Blonde, 23-year-old McNeill was not a complete surprise. Before his graduation from Kenyon College in Ohio last spring, he had played around the world.

He had beaten the national champion, Bobby Riggs, to win the clay court title. But still no one took McNeill very seriously until the third set of the tournament final match.

Riggs had won the first two sets in slow play before McNeill broke loose with the best tennis of his career to take the match, 4-6, 6-8, 6-3, 6-3 and 7-5.

Youngsters Win Spurs

A number of younger stars won their spurs in the tournament.

WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following are the soccer fixtures for the week-end:

To-day

SENIOR SHIELD SECOND ROUND

Police v. South China
(Boundary Road, 4.15 p.m.)

Royal Scots v. Navy

(Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)

FIRST DIVISION

Kowloon v. Club

(Kowloon, 4.15 p.m.)

JUNIOR SHIELD SECOND ROUND

South China v. Police

(Boundary Road, 2.45 p.m.)

R.A.S.G. v. Signals

(Sookunpoo, 2.45 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Middlesex v. Royal Scots

(Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.)

Club v. Kowloon

(Caroline Hill, 2.45 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

35th R.A. v. R.A.F.

(Stanley, 2.45 p.m.)

To-morrow

SENIOR SHIELD SECOND ROUND

St. Joseph's v. Sing Tao

(Navy, 4.15 p.m.)

Kwong Wah v. Eastern

(Boundary Road, 4.15 p.m.)

JUNIOR SHIELD SECOND ROUND

Sing Tao "B" v. 36th R.A.

(Club, 4.15 p.m.)

Navy v. International

(Navy, 2.45 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

R.A.O.C. v. Kwong Wah

(Caroline Hill, 2.45 p.m.)

Kit Chee v. R.E.

(Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

24th R.A. v. A.S.A.

(Chatham Road, 4.15 p.m.)

SAPPERS' FIRST DEFEAT

The Royal Engineers "A" team suffered their first defeat in the Garrison Snooker League on Thursday, losing to the Royal Army Medical Corps by one point to five.

Results of other matches played on the same day were:

R.A.P.C., 2; R.A. Sergeant, Stanley, 4; Royal Signals Corporals, 0; R.E. Sergeants' Mess, 6; Corps of Military Police, 2; Royal Signals A, 4.

League Positions

| | P. | W. | L. | D. | Pts. |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|------|
| R.A.M.C. | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 26 |
| R.E. Sergeants' Mess | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 23 |
| R.A. Sergeants' Stanley | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 20 |
| R.E. "A" | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 19 |
| C.M. Police | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 18 |
| R.A.P.C. | 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 14 |
| Royal Signals Corporals | 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 13 |
| Royal Signals "A" | 6 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 11 |

SHIELD GAMES MAIN SOCCER ATTRACTION

The Second Round of the Shield Competitions start this afternoon when a number of games in both divisions will be played and the best game should be at Boundary Street where Police are at home to South China.

PONT L'EVEQUE TO STUD; FEE SET AT 98 SOVS.

Pont L'Eveque, winner of the 1940 Derby, has been sent to the stud. His fee for 1941 will be 98 sovs., an exceptionally low sum for a Derby winner even though circumstances at present are unfavourable.

The leading sire, Hyperion, who won the Derby in 1933, and Blue Peter, the 1939 Derby winner, are, for instance, full for 1941 at a fee of 400 guineas each.

Turkhan, winner of the substitute St. Leger and of the Irish Derby, is to stand at the Old Connell Stud, Newbridge, Co., Kildare, at a fee of £75. The Aga Khan's other stallion, Stardust, who also recently was sent to Ireland, will stand at the same stud.

Police have always been able to give South China a good game in the Shield competition, no matter how lowly they are in the League table and with the team playing well at present are quite able to extend the Chinese.

Howlett and Ferrier's play may upset the Chinese and if the defence can hold out Police may win.

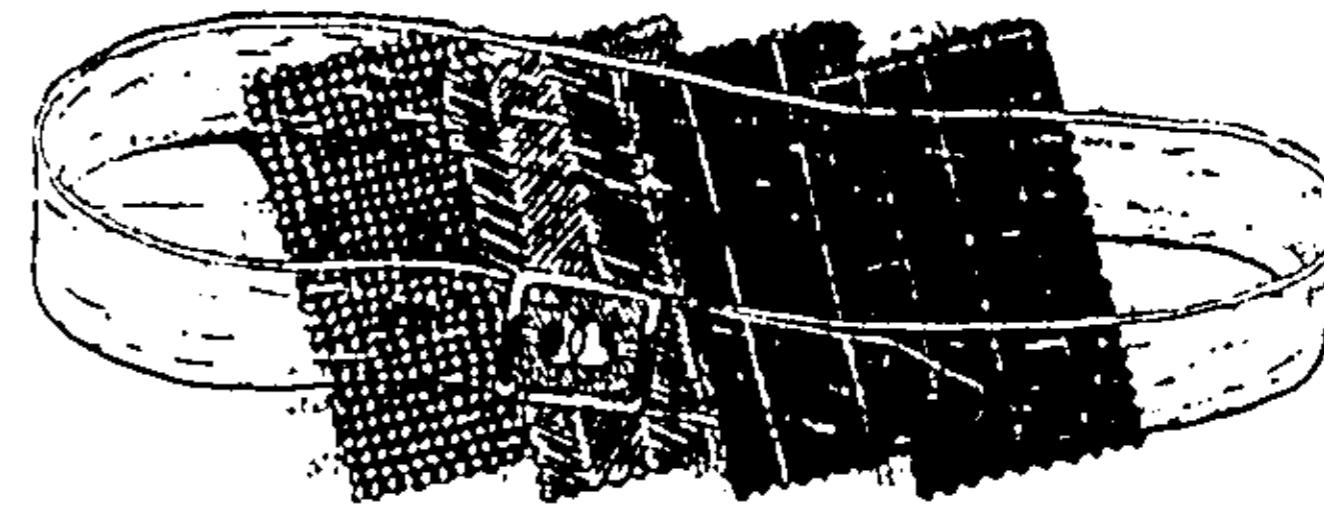
The Navy-Royal Scots game should be evenly contested and on current form the Sailors should win but Royals may cause an upset if their forwards are in form.

The best game in the Junior division should be between Service Corps and Signals. The latter teams have been doing well recently and did splendidly to beat 30th R.A., the holders, in the First Round so that the Service Corps cannot take Signals too easily.

HOCKEY SEMI-FINAL TO-MORROW

A semi-final match in the Small Units Hockey Knock-out competition will be played tomorrow on the Sookunpoo ground, starting at 2.30 p.m. The contestants will be 36th Heavy Battery, R.A., and H.Q. Company of Middlesex Regiment.

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POLISH THESIS JUSTIFIED

Danzig Unable To Live Independent Of Poland

PORTUGUESE MISSION IN LONDON

A Portuguese military delegation of seven, headed by Colonel Rodrigues, of the Portuguese General Staff, arrived in London yesterday by air to study Britain's air defences.

The mission are the guests of the British Government. — Reuter.

Economic Links To Be Re-Established

ECONOMIC CONVERSATIONS between Nazi representatives of Danzig and the German Government-General of Poland have just been instituted in Warsaw, according to information received in Polish circles in London yesterday.

The anti-Polish Nazi leader, Foerster, and Huth, formerly a Danzig senator, have arrived in Warsaw for this purpose. Object is the re-establishment of economic relations between Danzig and German-controlled Polish territory.

The fact that the talks have been instituted totally disposes of the German pretension that Danzig could live independently of Poland.

It is understood that the scope of the present talks is wide; the renewal of commercial, financial and trade contacts between the former Free City and Poland will be discussed, and in addition attempts will be made to re-establish in Danzig branches of Polish firms and business undertakings, all of which are now controlled by Germany.

Injuring Danzig

It is recalled that before 1914 Danzig had no economic importance for Germany and served only as a submarine base in the Baltic.

As regards the officer class he was at the moment considering methods to improve the machinery for securing officers for the Army.

The C-in-C paid a warm

immediately a direct link between Danzig and Poland was established after 1918 the Free City's trade increased by leaps and bounds.

Institution of the present talks, therefore, indicates the likelihood that German attempts to obliterate Poland are also mortally injuring Danzig. — Reuter.

NEW H.K. DEFENCE RULES

Government has appointed an advisory committee under the section of the Defence Regulations controlling the movement and activities of persons.

The committee announced in the "Gazette" this morning, consists of:

His Honour the Chief Justice. (Chairman).

Hon. Mr. Stanley Dodwell.

Major R. C. Giles, R.M.

Major C. R. Boxer.

Mr. W. H. Lock.

Simultaneously the following new rules under the Regulations are announced.

1. Except as otherwise expressly provided in the public interest by order of the Governor, any person in respect of whom an order has been made under regulation 18 of the Defence Regulations, 1940, may make objections against the order, either in person or by counsel, solicitor or agent, to the advisory committee appointed by the Governor under the provisions of that regulation.

2. At any meeting of the advisory committee, three shall be a quorum.

3. Recommendations of the committee shall be decided by a majority of votes; in case of equality of votes the chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

4. Notice of objections may be sent in writing by post to the Chief Justice's Clerk at the Courts of Justice, Hong Kong.

4 DROWNED IN TAI-O COLLISION

Four Chinese passengers were drowned yesterday morning following a collision between a cargo-boat and a passenger junk off Tai-O.

The two boats left Tai-O in a heavy mist shortly after 7 o'clock. The collision occurred when the cargo-boat was turning a bend in the direction of Chinese territory.

The passenger junk sank almost immediately throwing the nine passengers and crew into the sea.

Only five of them were rescued and the others are believed to have been drowned.

STOP PRESS

An announcement in the "Gazette" reveals the formation of a Food and Firewood Control Board. The Board consists of:

Brigadier Andrew Peffers, O.B.E. (Chairman), Paymaster - Commander C. S. B. Hickman, R.N., Mr. D. L. Newbigging, Mr. W. J. Anderson.

The following appointments are gazetted:

Mr. H. C. Macnamara to be a Magistrate.

Mr. D. J. N. Anderson to be a Magistrate.

Mr. E. Hinsworth to be Deputy Immigration Officer.

Major R. D. Walker to act as Manager, War Supplies Board.

The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell to be temporarily an Unofficial Member of the Executive Council.

Messrs. D. L. Newbigging and G. S. Kennedy-Skipper to be Controller and Deputy Controller of Food, respectively.

Mr. R. R. Todd to act as Financial Secretary.

SIKHS IN INDIAN ARMY

REPLVING TO A DEPUTATION OF THE KHALSA DEFENCE OF INDIA LEAGUE, THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, GENERAL AUCHINLECK, DECLARED YESTERDAY HIS FIRM INTENTION TO DO ALL HE COULD TO SECURE THE POSITION OF SIKHS IN THE INDIAN ARMY AND OTHER ARMED FORCES.

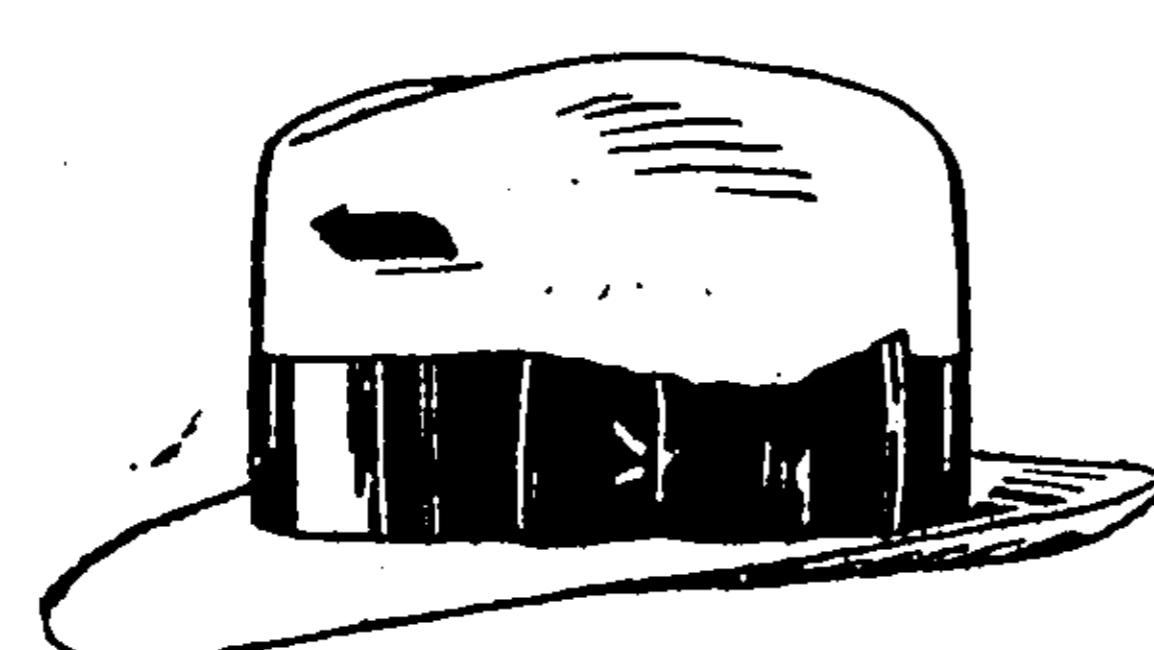
He added that the expansion of Sikh units would continue as long as suitable recruits were forthcoming.

As regards the officer class he was at the moment considering methods to improve the machinery for securing officers for the Army.

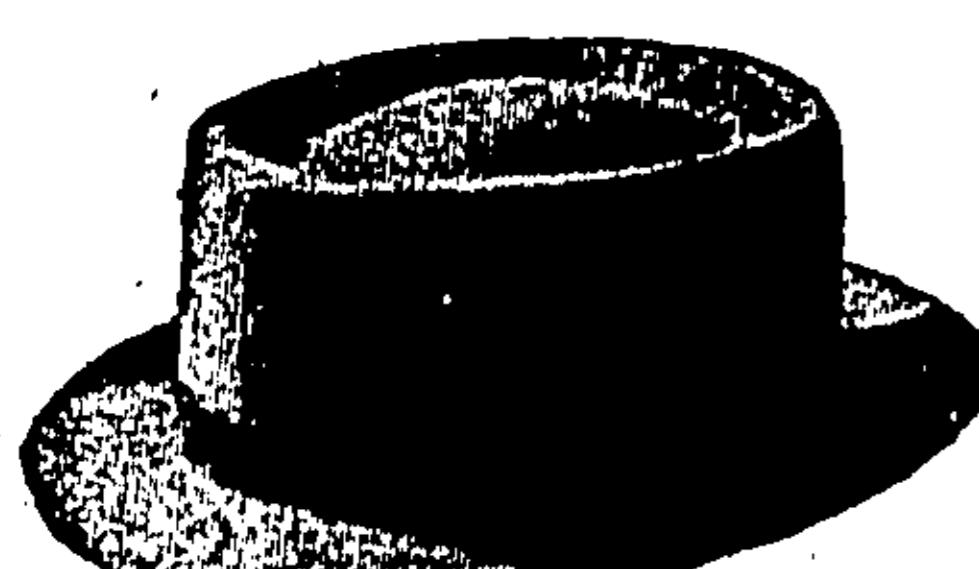
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